

ANNO · XXV.
HENRICI
VIII.



CTIS MADE

IN THE SESSION OF

THIS PRESENT PARLIAMENT

holden bypon prologation at West-

minster, the .XV. daye of Januarie,

in the .XXV. yere of the reigne of our moste graddes lo-

ueraygne lorde kynge HENRY the .VIII., and

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.XXX. daye of Marche than

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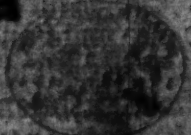
holy Church,

and for

the

common weale and profyte

of this his realme.



LONDINI IN AEDIBVS THO.

MAE BERTHELETTI RE.

GII IMPRESSORIS.

BY PRIVILEGIO A RE.

GE INDVLTO.

LEAVENWORTH

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An acte concernynge Graiers and bouchers.
Capitulum.



Where as dyuers & sondy actis & statutis haue lately ben made and establisshed within this realme, for preservation of the common welch of the same: amonges whiche the acte for sellynge of beoffe, mutton, veale, and porke by weight is so necessarie for the preservation of the pouertie of the same, that it may in no wise be forborne. And for as moche as sufficient auctoritie is not gyven by the sayd acte to the Justices of peace, mayres, baillyffes, shyreffes, and other officers, reherced in the same acte, for to punishe offenders, and suche other as wyl not selle by weyght, accordynge to the force of the sayde acte. And the bouchers and other offenders perceyving the same, not obeyynge the violacion of the sayde acte, nor the punishmentes conteyned in the same acte, haue wylfully and obstinately contempned and offended the sayde acte, and wolle in no wise selle after the same, to the hygge displeasure of the kynges hyghenes, in contempte of his sayde lawes, and to the greatte detrimment of the common welche of this realme. Be it therfore further enacted by auctoritie of this present parlyament, that from the. xx. day of februarye, in the yere of our lord god .M. D. XXXIII. it shal be laufull to all and euery mayres, shyreffes, constables, baylyffes, and other gouernours of cities, boroughes, and market townes, as well within liberties, as without, to whome any complaynt shal be made of or vpon any boucher, his wyfe, seruantis, or other his ministers refusynge to selle the sayd victuals by true and laufull weight, accordynge to the tenour of the sayde acte here tofore made: not only to conuict euery suche boucher, and other suche offenders to ward, there to remayne without bayle or maynprie, vntyll suche tyme as they and euery of them shal haue payde all the forfaytes and penalties, compysed in the sayde former acte, but also euery of the sayd mayres, and other officers aforesayd, and theyr deputies, shal immediately selle and utter, or cause to be solde and uttered for redy money, by true weight, all suche victuals so refused to be retayled and solde by true and laufull weight, accordynge to the effect of the sayd former act, deliuerynge alwayes the money therof comynge, vnto the owners of the same victuals: whiche owners shal be utterly and for ever excluded to haue any action, suite or demande agaynst any suche mayre, or other officers or their deputies, for sellynge or utterynge of the sayd victuals, by trewe and laufull weyght, in forme aforesayde, or for any other cause or thyng concernynge the same: Except onely for the money receyued for the same victuals, if it be not vpon reasonable request therof to be made, payde or restored without delaye. And to the intente that the bouchers from tyme to tyme, maye be the more redy and able to utter and selle the sayde victuals by trewe and laufull

weight: It is furder ordeyned, establyshed, & enacted, by the auctoritie aforesayde, that euery owner, grafter, fermour, breder, drouer, and brogger of this realme, whiche after the sayd day shall haue any beoffis, muttons, beales, or porkes, fatte and kepte to be solde for mans meate, shall at all tymes, whan so euer any boucher or bouchers, or other personne or persones, shall resorte to them to bye the same to be kylled or retayled ageyne by laufull weight, shall make sale of theyr sayde cattalls to euerye suche boucher or bouchers, as wyll bye the same to be retayled by laufull weight, as is aforesayde, at suche reasonable price or prices: So as the sayde bouchers or others, alwayes may retayle the same agayne by laufull weight, as is aforesayde, accorpyng to the effecte of the sayd former acte, made for the sell yng of fleshe by weight. The said bouchers alwaies payenge for the same cattall redy money in hande, or at suche dayes as the owners of the sayde cattall may be agreed withall. And if the sayde owners, grasters, fermours, breders, drouers, and broggers, or any of them, at any tyme or tymes after the sayde. xx. day of Februarie, shall refuse to sette any suche reasonable price, and to make sale of theyr sayde cattall, to forme aforesayde, to the boucher or bouchers, or to anye other persone or persons, that woll bye and kyll, and retayle the same ageyne by laufulle weight (as is aforesayd) that then euery Justice of peace, within the ly-mittes of his commission, inhabytyng next vnto the place, where suche refusall shall be made: and mayres or baillyffes of other places corporated vpon complaint to be made to hym or them therof, by any boucher or bouchers, or other, whiche wolde bye the sayd cattall to selle agayne (as is aforesayde) shall haue fulle power and auctoritie, by vertue of this presente acte, to directe his or theyr precepte, vnder his or their seale, vnto foure, thre, or two honeste, discrete, and indifferente persones, not beinge fermours, tenauntis, or seruauantis to the owners of the sayde cattalle, commaundyng theym by the same, to sette and take the sayde prices indifferently betwene the sayde parties, in suche discrete wyse, as the bouchers, whiche shall bye the sayde cattalle to retaylle and selle agayne (as is aforesayde) shall be no losers in utteryng the fleshe of the same cattall ageyne by laufull weight. And if any owner, fermour, grafter, breder, or brogger (as is aforesayde) or any of the sayde foure, thre, or two indifferente persones, so to be appoynted by the sayde Justices, Mayres, or Baillyues, or by any of theym, at anye tyme, after the sayde daye, refuse to obeye and perfourme the tenoure of the sayde precepte, or to utter and selle theyr cattalle of lyke nature as is aboue rehearsed, in forme aforesayde: that then all and euerye the sayde owners, fermours, grasters, drouers, breders, and broggers / and also the sayde foure, thre, or two indifferente persones, and euerye of theym, makynge anye suche refusalle or denyall, or not executyng, or not obeyng the same, yf hit be within. xl. dayes befoze anye of the foure termes of yere lyce exercysyng or keepynge the lawes of this realme, shall be

shall be commaunded by anye of the sayde Justices, mayres, or bayliffes, every suche offendour vpon payne of. ii. poundes, personally to appere before the kynges highnes, and the lordes of his moost honorable counsaile in the sterred chambze at Westmynster, or other place of theyr common assemble, in the terme nexte ensuyng the same fortye dayes, there to make fine and abyde suche further punysshment, as shall be thought moost convenient by the discretion of the chauncellour of Englande, the Treasourer of Englande, and other the lordes of the sayde counsell for the tyme beinge, for theyr sayde refusall, or other theyr sayde offence. And if anye suche offence or refusalle shall happen to be comynitted, in fourme afoze sayde, duryng tyme of anye of the sayde fourte termes: then lyke monytion, payne, and certificat shall be made by any of the sayde Justices, Mayres, or Bayliffes, in fourme before rehearsed, at the nexte terme thenne folowynge. And if that anye tyme after the foresayde twentye daye of februarie, anye of the sayde Justices, or Mayres, or Bayliffes of places incorpored, vppon any complainte so to be made to them, or to anye of them, in fourme afoze sayde, doo not in tyme and place convenient, vppon reasonable requeste, awarde his precepte vnto suche fourte, three, or two, as he shall thynke by his discrecyon to be indifferente personnes, and also geue monition vppon payne, as is afoze sayde, and make trewe relation and certificat by wytyng vnto the kynges sayde highnes, and vnto his sayde counsaile, in fourme afoze sayde, of the sayde refusall, or other afoze sayde misbehauour, of any of the sayde owners, fermours, grasiers, drouers, breders, and broggers afoze sayde, and also of the sayd fourte, three, or two indifferente persons, as the truthe of the case shall requyre: If the sayde Justices, Mayres, or Bailliffes of places incorporate, in tyme and place conveniente, be reasonably required so to do: that then every the sayde Justices, Mayres, and Bayliffes afoze sayde, beyng reasonabley required in tyme and place conveniente to make his warrant, or to geue monition, or to make true relation and certificat accordynge to the tenoure of this acte, and refusynge that to do in fourme as is aboue remembred, shall lose and forfeite for everye suche defaute forty shylinges. And if the sayde mayres, shireffes, Constables, or other gouernours of cities, boroughes, and other market towne, or anye of them, within the lymtes of theyr auctorities, by them selfe, or by suche other, as they or any of them shall therunto li- mitte and appoynt by theyr precept, do not cause the sayd kyndes of victuall from tyme to tyme to be retapled, vttered, and solde by laufull weight, accordynge to the tenoure of the sayde former acte: that then every of the same Mayres and other officers afoze sayde, shall loose and forfeite the some of fortye shyllinges, for every tyme that reformation, accordynge to the effecte and tenoure of this presente acte, in his or theyr defaute, is not therof by everye of them hadde and made vppon anye suche reasonable complainte made in fourme afoze sayde.

A.iii.

And

And that the one moptye of the foſſayntures afore ſayd ſhalbe to the uſe of the kingis hyghnes, his heyres, & ſucceſſours : and the other moptye vnto any other perſone oꝝ perſones, that woll ſue foꝝ the ſame, by byll, playnt, information, action of dette, oꝝ other wyſe, wherein the defendante ſhall not be admitted to the wager of his lawe, noꝝ none eſſoyne oꝝ pꝛotection ſhalbe allowed foꝝ his defence in that behalfe.

¶ AND be it further enacted, by the auctoꝛyte afore ſayde, that the mayre and ſhyꝛefes, alwayes foꝝ the tyme beinge, of the cytie of London, ſhall cauſe all and euery the foꝛelapde victuals to be vttered and ſolde by lawfull weight within the ſayde citie and the liberties of the ſame, according to the tenour of the ſayde foꝛmer acte, and alſo of this preſent acte, vpon payne to loſe and foſſaynte the ſomme of. xl.s. foꝝ euery tyme that complaint therof to them oꝝ to any of them be reasonably made, and the ſame complaint oꝝ complayntis not by them remedied and redreſſed in maner and foꝛme afore ſayd. And that the one moptye of euery ſuche foſſaiture ſhalbe to the kinges hyghnes, his heyres, and ſucceſſours : and the other moptye to any other perſone oꝝ perſones that woll ſue foꝝ the ſame in any court of Recorde of this realme, in lyke maner as is afore reherſed.

¶ AND foꝝ as moche as beoffis, muttongs, beales, and porkes, by many occasions fortune in ſome one yere, oꝝ in ſome one tyme of the yere, to be moꝛe ſcarce oꝝ moꝛe dere, than at an other, by meane wherof the graſtiars and bouchers, in ſuche a dere tyme, ſhall not be able to afoꝛde the ſame at ſuche pꝛices and ratys, as when they be in moꝛe plentie, and better chepe : Be it therfoꝛe further enacted, by the auctoꝛitie aforeſayd, that the kingis hyghnes, his heyres, and ſucceſſours, kynges of this realme, from tyme to tyme vpon any complayntes made of any ſcarſitie oꝝ lacke of beoffis, muttongs, beals, oꝝ porkes, ſhall and maye frome tyme to tyme cauſe proclamation to be made vnder the great ſeale, in ſuche parties of this realme, as ſhall ſeme to his hyghnes, his heyres, oꝝ ſucceſſours moſt conuenient, that the bouchers and other whiche be compellable to ſelle fleſhe by weyght, at pꝛices limited in the ſayde acte, made foꝝ ſellynge of fleſhe by weyght, ſhall and may ſelle foꝝ the tyme to be limited in ſuche proclamation, beoffes, muttongs, beals, and porkes by retayle without weight, as herte tofoꝛe hath ben accuſtomed : oꝛ els by weight at ſuche reaſonable pꝛices, as ſhall be limited by the ſayd proclamation, and as ſhall pleaſe the kinges hyghnes, his heyres, oꝝ ſucceſſours to limite and appoynte by the ſaid proclamation, vpon ſuche payne as ſhall be conteyned in ſuche proclamations, to be loſte and leuyed to the kinges uſe, accordinge to the tenour of euery ſuche proclamation. And that as well euery boucher and other, foꝝ ſellynge of beoffe, mutton, beale, oꝝ porke by retayle, by vertue of ſuche proclamation, within the tymes to be limited in the ſame, as euery other perſone and perſons, beinge bounden by auctoꝛyte of this acte, to ſe the ſayde bouchers ſo to do, vppon the paynes aboue eſpecified, ſhall be diſcharged and acquitted by auctoꝛyte of euery ſuche proclamation of all penalties

penalties, peynes, forfeitures, and losses, whiche they shulde have suffered and losse by vertue of the sayde acte, made for sellynge of flesshe by weighte, or by vertue of this present acte, in case no suche proclamation had ben made: any thinge in the sayd acte, made for sellynge of flesshe by weight, or in this present acte conteyned, to the contrarie herof not withstandynge.

And where by an acte passed, sithen the begynnynge of this presente parlyament, it was ordeined and provided, that no person or persons, bouchers or other, inhabitynge within this realme, wailes, or marches of the same, shulde frome the fyrste daye of Januarie laste paste, durynge two helle yeres, from thensforth the nexte folowynge, kyll or cause to be kylled any ponge suckynge calfe or calves, to be solde or putte to sale to any person or persons, hole or by retayle, whiche calfe or calves shuld happen to fall or be calued, betwene the sayd fyrste daye of Januarie, and the sayde fyrste daye of May, in any of the sayde two yeres, vpon certayne peynes conteyned in the sayd acte, as by the same acte more at large is expressed: The kynge our souerayne lord, of his moste excellent goodnes, to the intente that his lounge subiectes shulde be the better provided of plentie of victuall ageyne this holpe tyme of Easter nexte commynge: and soo frome thensforth durynge this yere, is therfore pleased and contented, that it be established and enacted, by auctoritie of this present parlyament, that all bouchers, and other sellynge flesshe by retayle, may laufully from the XII. daye of Marche, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord god. M. D. XXXIII. vnto the fyrst daye of Januarie nexte commynge, kyll and sell calves by retayle by weight, accordyng to the sayd statute made for sellynge of flesshe by weight, or els accordynge to suche proclamation, as shal please the kynges hyghnes to make for the same, in forme as is aboue reherced, if any such proclamation happen to be made, the sayde late acte made for kyllynge of calves, to endure for two yeres, to the contrarie therof not withstandynge.

And be it further enacted, by the auctoritie of this present parlyament, that the sayd acte made for kyllynge of calves shall begynne to take effect at the fyrste daye of Januarie nexte commynge, and frome thensforth shall endure and continue two helle yeres nexte after that ensuyng, any thinge conteined in this present acte to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

An acte of proclamation to be made concerninge victualls. Capit. ii.



Do: as moche as derthe, scarfittie, good chepe, and plentie of these, butter, capons, hennes, chekyns, and other victualls, necessarie for mennes sustenance happeneth, ysleth, & chaunceth of so many and diuers occasions, that it is very harde and difficile to put any certayne pices to any suche thynges. And yet neuer the

uerthelesse the prices of suche victuals be many tymes inhaunsed and
 reped, by the greedy couetousnes and appetites of the owners of suche
 victuals, by occasion of ingrossynge and regratynge the same, moze then
 vpon any reasonable or iuste grounde or cause, to the greatte damage and
 empouerysshynge of the kynges subiectes. For remedie wherof be it en-
 acted by the auctorite of this present parliament, that vpon every com-
 playnte made of any enhansynge of prices of suche victuals, without
 grounde or cause reasonable in any parte of this realme, or in any other
 the kinges dominions, the lord Chauncelloure of Englande, the lord
 tresourer, the lord presydent of the kinges mooste honorable counseile,
 the lord priuey seale, the lord steward, the lord Chamberleyn, and all
 other lordes of the kinges counsaile, the tresourer and comptroller of
 the kinges most honourable house, the chauncellour of the duchie of Lan-
 castre, the kinges Iustices of eyther benche, the chauncellour, chamber-
 leyns, vnder tresourer, and the barons of the kinges eschequire, or. vii.
 of them at the leeste, wherof the lord chauncellour, the lord tresourer,
 the lord president of the kinges counsaile, or the lord priuey seale to be
 one: shall haue power and auctorite, from tyme to tyme, as the case shall
 requyre, to sette and take reasonable prices of all suche kindes of victuals
 aboue specified, howe they shalbe solde in grosse, or by retayle, for reliefe of
 the kynges subiectes: And that after suche prices set and taxed, in forme
 afore sayde, proclamation shall be made in the kynges name, vnder
 the greatte seale, of the sayde prices, in suche parties of this realme as
 shalbe conuenient for the same.

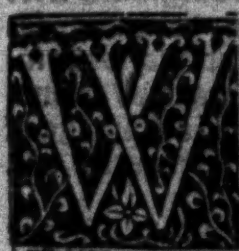
And be it enacted, that all fetinours, owners, broggers, and all other
 victuallers what so euer, hauing or keepng any of the kyndes of victuals
 afore rehered to the intent to sell, shall sel the same to such the kynges sub-
 iectes, as wil bye them, at such prices as shalbe set & taxed by the sayd pro-
 clamacion, vpon the paynes to be expressed and limited in the said procla-
 macion, to be losse, forfayted, and leuied to the kynges vse in suche wyse,
 as by the same proclamation shalbe declared.

Wherby alway that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall
 not be hurtfull to mayres, shereffes, baillieffes, or other officers of cities,
 boroughes or townes corporate, nor to any person or persons, or bodys
 politike, hauynge auctoritie to set prices of suche victualles, or of any of
 them: but that they and every of them may set prices therof, as if this acte
 had neuer ben had nor made.

And be it further enacted, by auctorite afore sayd, that no person or per-
 sons, ones it be by licence vnder the kynges great seale, from henseforth
 shall carie or conuey, or cause to be caried & conueyed, any corne, beoffes,
 muttuns, beales, porkes, or any other of the aboue sayde victualles, to
 any the parties beyonde the see, excepte onely for the victuallynge of the
 towne of Calais, Guisnes, Hammes, and the marches of the same: And
 excepte for victuallynge of maisters, mariners, and merchantis of shippes,
 passynge

passinge the see: and also excepte barrells butter, and meele to be caried to the parties of Felonde, as hath ben accustomed, upon payme of forfaiture of the value of the thyng conceyde and caried in to the parties of beyond the see, contrarie to this acte. The one halfe therof to the use of our saide souerayne lordes/ and the other halfe to the parties that will seve for the same, by bylle, playnt, writ, or information in any of the kynges courts. In whiche suites the defendant shall not wyge his lawe, nor any protection or essoyne for hym shall be allowed.

An acte concernynge standynge muet and peremptorie challenge. Cap. iiii.



Here at your parlyament holden at Westmynster in the XXIII. yere of your mooste noble reigne, amongst other thynges, it was ordeyned, establihed, and enacted, that no person nor persons, whiche thereafter shulde happen to be founde gylty after the lawes of this lande for any maner of petite treason/ or for any wilfull murder of malice pzeperied, or for robbynge of any churches, chapelles, or other holy places, or for robbynge of any persone or persons in theyr dwellynge houses, or dwellynge place, the owner or dweller in the same house, his wyfe, his chyldren, or seruantis then beinge within, and put in feare and drede by the same: or for robbing of any pson or persons in or nere about the high wey, or for wilfull burnynge of any dwellynge howses or berues, wherein any grayne of cornes shall happen to be, nor any person or persons beinge founde gylty of any abbettement, procurement, helppynge, mayntenynge, or counsailynge, of or to any suche petite treason, murders, or felonies. Shulde from thenseforth be admitted to the benefite of his or theyr clergie, but bitterly be excluded therof, and suffer deathe in suche maner and fourme, as they shulde haue done for any the causes or offenses aboue said/ if they were no clerkes: Suche as be within holpe orders, that is to sey, of the orders of subdeacon or aboue, all onely excepte, as moze at large appereth by the sayde acte. And for as moche as the sayd acte extendeth onely to suche persones, as be founde gylty after the due course of the lawes of this lande, byuers and many great arrant robbers, murderers, burglaries, and felons that do offende and comynge byuers and many petty treasons, robberies/ burglaries, and felonies, contrarie to the tenour of the sayde acte, perceyvinge and clerely vnderstandynge, that by the wordes of the same statute and acte, that they shall not lese the benefite and aduantage of theyr clergie, onely that they be founde gylty after the due course of the law, vpon theyr arreynment of and vpon the sayd felonies, robberies, and other offences befoze sayde, so by them done and committed, by reason wherof, byuers and many of the same robbers, and felons, vpon theyr arreynment of the same robberies and felonies, vpon theyr

their inditementis agaynst them, stonde muet, and some tyme challenge peremptorie ouer the nombze of .xx. or els will not directly answere to the same inditementis, wherupon they be so arraigned, accordyng to the order of the lawe. And so; that that these especiall cases be not expressly compassed and conteyned within the letter of the same statute, it is necessarie and expedient, that the same case be clerely and definitively expounded and declared by auctorite of this present parliament. And where also as diuers and manye felons and robbers, that comynette and doo dyuers and many great heynous robberies, and burglaries in one shyre, and conueye the spole and robbetrie into any other shire, and there be taken, indited, and arraigned vpon felonie and felonous stealyng of the same goodes, in the same other shire, then there, where the same robberies or burglaries were done and committed, and not vpon the same robbetrie nor burglary, for that it was not done nor committed in the same shire, where they be so indited and arraigned, and by reason therof the same misdemeaners / felons, robbers, and burglaries haue and enioye the priuilege and aduantage of theyr clergie, to the great hurte and losse of the kinges prerogative, and great boldenes of suche offenders.

In consideration wherof, be it enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozalle, and the commons in this present parliament assembled / and by auctorite of the same / that euery personne and personnes that is, or hereafter shall be indited of petie treason, wyllfull burnyng of howses, murder, robbetrie, or burglary, or other felonye, accordyng to the tenour and meanyng of the same statute, and therupon arraigned, and do stonde muet of malice or frowarde mynde, or challenge peremptorie aboute the nombze of .xx. or els will not or do not answere directly to the same inditement and felonye, wherupon he is so arraigned: shall from hensforth lose the benefite and priuilege of his or theyr clergie, in lyke maner and forme, as if he had directly pleaded to the same petie treason, murder, robbery, burglary, or other felonye, wherupon he is so arraigned, not gyltie, and therupon had be founde gyltie, after the lawes of the lande.

And by the same auctorite be it further enacted / that if anye personne or persones hereafter be indited of felonye for stealyng of any goodes or cattals, in anye countie within this realme of Englande, and therupon arraigned and be founde gyltie, or stonde muet of malice, or challenge peremptorie aboute the nombze of twenty personnes (as is afoze sayde) or will not vpon his sayde arraignement directly answere to the same felonye: that then the same person and persons so arraigned and founde gyltie, or stonde muet of malice, or challenge peremptorie aboute the nombze of twenty persones, or will not directly answere to the lawe, shal lose and be put frome the benefite of their clergie, in lyke maner and forme as they shulde haue ben, if they had ben indited and arraigned, and founde gyltie in the same countie / where the same robbery or burglary was doone

or commytted, if it shall appere to the Justices, before whome any suche felons or robbers be arreyned, by evidence geuen before them, or by examination, that the same felonies, wherupon they be so arreyned, had ben suche robberies or burglaries, in the same shere, where suche robberies or burglaries were committed or done, by reason wherof they shuld haue lost the benefite of theyr clergie by force of the sayd estatute, in case they hadde ben founde gyltie therof in the same shere, where suche robberies or burglaries were so committed & done.

CAn acte ageynste forstallynge and regratynge of fyshe. Ca. iiii.



Where as before this tyme dyuers actes of parliament haue ben made by the kinges most noble progenitours ageynst forstallers and regratours of buttaple & other marchandise in markettes and feyres within this realme of Englande, whiche former statutis, not onely for lacke of due execution of the same, but also for lacke of condigne punishmente in the sayd statutis contempned, be lyttel feared or regarded: for dyuers and many of the kynges subiectis, contrary to the meanyng of the sayde estatutes, nothyng regratynge the displeasure of almighty god, and of the kynges highnes, ne yet the loue and charitie, that they ought to haue to their neighbours and common wealthe of this realme, for their priuate lucre and singular auayle, commonly in euery markette and feyre within this realme, do forstalle and regrate al maner of buttaple, as come, wyne, fyshe, and fleshe, and specially in Sturbruge feyre, saynte Iues feyre, and Elve feyre, beynge the mooste notable feyres within this realme, for prouisions of fyshe, and mooste to the releue of the kynges subiectes, if suche forstallynge and regratynge mighte be sette on fyde, whiche is moche vled by the inhabitantes of London, and other the kynges subiectes, that onely before the sayde feyres, resorte to the caste see fyde or see costes, and there bye vpon the stone all maner of fyshe, as well the fyshe that cometh from Ireland, as the fyshe that is taken in the sayd east see or see costis, nere adioynynge to the partis of this realme, and incontynently they repate to the sayd Sturbruge feyre, and from thens to the sayd other feyres, and there they sell agayne the said fyshe in maner at their owne price and pleasure, and not onely sell the same fyshe there, but also they bye vp all maner of fyshe thether broughte by any personne, as salted fyshe, stocked fyshe, lyng, haburden, lobbed fyshe, and such other kyndes of salted fyshe, and sell the same agayne in
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the same feyre or feyres: so that the kynges subiectes be dyuen to bye all suche fysh, as to them is requisite and necessarie, at the seconde, thyrde, or fourth honde: by reason wherof a greatte scarlenes and derthe dothe insue to the kynges subiectes in all places throug out this realme, to the great displeasure of al myghty god, and of the kynges hyghnes, and to the great impoueryshynge of the kynges subiectis.

¶ Be it therfore enacted, by auctoritie of this present parliamēt, that no maner of persone or persons, of what estate, degre, or condicion he or they be, other than such person or persones, as now be, or hereafter shall be marchant venterers to Iselande for the sayd fysh, or that be doggers, or otherwise called doggermen, or suche as now be, or hereafter shal be fyshermen, that actually labour for the takynge of the sayd fysh in the sayd East see syde, or east see coste, shall bye any of the kyndes of the sayd fysh at or vpon the stone, or at the saide Ceste see syde, or east see costis, to selle the same fysh ageyne, or any part therof, at any of the said feyre or feyres, called Sturbruge feyre, saynt Iues feyre, or Elye feyre: and that no maner of person or persons, other then the saide merchantes venterers, doggers, or fyshermen, shal from hensforth sell any salt fysh, stockefysh, lynge, haburden, lobefysh, or such other kynde of saltedfysh, at or within any of the sayd feire or feires, wherof the kynde of the said fysh is vsually wont to be leyde vpon londe, at the sayde east see syde.

¶ Also it is enacted, that no maner of persone or persones, beinge owner or owners of any of the said shyppe or shippes, ne yet any maister or maisters of the said shippes, shall at any tyme hereafter, bie any dole or dooles of any of the mariners, of any of the sayd shyppe or shippes, called the mariners dole fysh.

¶ And also it is further enacted, by the auctoritie aboue sayd, that no maner of person or persons from hensforth, shal forsal and bie any of the said fysh, in comynge to the sayde feyre or feyres, to selle the same agayne in any of the sayd feyres: excepte it be for the necessarie vitayllynge of the sayde feyre or feyres, to be there eaten and spent, durynge the tyme of the saide feyres.

¶ It is also enacted, by the auctoritie aforesayd, that no maner of person or persones at any tyme hereafter shall bye any stockefysh, saltfysh, lynge, haburden, lobbefysh, or any other kynde of saltedfysh, within the sayde feyre or feyres, to selle the same ageyne within the sayd feyre or feyres, excepte hit be for the necessarie byttayllynge of the sayde feyre or feyres, to be eaten and spent within the same feyres, durynge the tyme of the sayde feyre and feyres: Vppon the peyne to euerye personne or personnes, soo offendynge anye of the sayde articles before rehearsed, contrarie to the meanyng of this acte, to forsayte the same fysh, soo bought, forstalled, or regrated, The one halfe thereof to be to the kyng our soueraygne lord, and the other halfe to be to the partie, that woll sease or take his accyon or suite for the same: And that hit be lesfull

lesfull to all and syngular the kynges subiectes, to take the same fysh so forsaite by the way of seysse, or to sue for the same by originall wytt, bylle, information in the kynges eschequere, or in any other of the kynges courttes of recorde, or in the same courtte of the sayde seysse or seyses, called the courtte of Depowders, atte his or theyr pleasure: in whiche action or sute the defendante or defendantes shal not paye their lawe, ne yet be aided by essoyne or protection. And that the stewarde of euerye of the saide seyses for tyme beinge, shall perceyve cause this presente estatute to be openly proclaymed and redde at. iii. seuerall dayes within the same sayte, that is to say at two seuerall dayes in the begynnynge of the same sayte, and at a nother daye, in the myddes of the same seyte, to the entente the kynges subiectes may be throughe instructed of euerye article conteyned in this estatute, vppon the payne of forsaite of his sayde office of Stewardeshyppe, and to forsaite to oure soueraygne lord the kyng, for euerye suche defaulte, that proclamation is not made, as is aboue sayde. xl.s.

¶ Provided alwaye, and be hit enacted, that none of the sayde merchantes venterers, doggermen, or fishermen, shall at any tyme here after bie any fishe at the Stone, at the Ceste see syde, or see costis, to selle the same fishe agayne in the sayde seysse or seyses, by couyn or fraude, to the vse of any other person or persones, other then for theyr onely vse or vses, vppon lyke payne as is aboue reherfed: And that euerye of the kynges subiectes may haue lyke aduantage by seysure of the same fishe, or by wey of action or sute, for the wyynyng or gaynyng of the same, as is afoze sayde.

And also that no maner of person or personis hereafter be reputed or taken to be a marchante venterer, to take aduantage, or benefite of this acte: excepte his aduenture in the sayde shyppe or shippes to Iselonde, shall amounte to the somme of. xx. li. without fraude or couyn.

¶ Provided alwayes that this acte nor any thyng therein conteyned, shal be in any wise hurtfull or prejudiciall vnto any person or persones beinge fyshers dwellinge or inhabitinge in any place or places benoeth the ryuer of Humbye: but that they and euery of them maye vse theyr crafte and sellynge of all maner of fishe by theym or anye of theym here after to be taken benoeth the sayde ryuer of Humbye afoze sayde, in lyke maner and fourme, as they or any other theyr predecessours fishers haue vsed to doo here to fore: And that the byers of the same fishe maye lausfully selle the same in any of the sayde saytes, in maner and fourme as in the aboue sayd acte is conteyned, any thyng in the sayde act to the contrary made, or expressed to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ In acte for Callendryng of woystedes.

Capitulo. v.

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¶ Where



whereas at the parliamente holden at Westminster, the .XXIII. daye of Januarie, in the .v. yere of oure soueraigne lordes reigne the kyng that nowe is, there was an acte and one estatute made, provided, and established, for the aduoydng of deceytes & fallshes, in woꝛstedes, as welle by reason of dyce callendynge therof, with gummes, oples, and pressis, as also by wete callendynge, by persones haupnge no counnyng in oꝛderynge of the same: whiche acte was made to endure but onelye to the parlyamente then nexte folowynge. And for as moche as it is evidently knowen, that the same act and estatute afoze sayde / is very good and necessary for the comon welthe of this realme: Wherfoze the kyng oure soueraygne lord / by the aduise and consente of his lordes spirituall and tempoꝛall, and the commons of this pꝛesent parliament assembled, and by the auctozite of the same hath ordeyned, enacted, and established, that the sayde acte and estatute, made in the .v. yere of his most noble reygne afoze sayde, and euery thyng therein conteyned, shall from the feast of saynte Mychaell the archangell nexte comynge, continue, and be good and effectuell in euery poynt and article of the same, for euer.

¶ And further moze be it enacted and established / by the auctozite afoze sayde, for the common welthe of the cite of floꝛwich, and mayntenaunce, suppoꝛtation, and byholdynge of the houses, tenementes, and habitations of the same / that no maner person vlynge the crafte oꝛ misterye of dyng of woꝛstedes, stamyns, oꝛ sayes, oꝛ of anye of theym, nother by theym selves, oꝛ any seruaunt, factour, deputie, oꝛ any other by his commaundment oꝛ assignemente / frome the feast of Chyristmas nowe nexte ensuyng, shall vse to callender any woꝛstedes, stamens, oꝛ sayes, oꝛ any other commodities made of woꝛstede parne, durynge alle suche tyme as the same personne shall vse the misterye oꝛ crafte of dyenge afoze sayd, vpon payne to forsayt for euery pece, so dyed and callenderde by colour, couyn, oꝛ fraude, contrarie to the true meanyng and entent of this pꝛesent acte. xl. s. & to be diuided in thye egall parties, the one parte therof to the kyng our soueraigne lord, and one other parte to the mayre for the tyme beinge, and the thirde parte to hym oꝛ them that wyll sue for the same by vyllie, action of dette, playnte, information, oꝛ other wise, in any of the kynges courtes: wherein none esloyne / delay / oꝛ pꝛoteccion shalbe allowed.

¶ An acte for the punisshemente of the vice of buggerye. Ca. vi.



¶ As moch as there is not yet sufficient & cōdigne punisshment, appointed & limited by the due course of the lawes of this realme / for the detestable & abominable vice of buggerye comitted with mankind oꝛ beast. It may therfoze please the kinges highnes, with the assent of his lordes spirituall & tempoꝛal, & the comons of this pꝛesent

presente parliamente assembled, that it may be enacted by auctorite of the same, that the same offence be from henceforth adjudged felony, and such order and fourme of proces therein to be vsed agaynste the offendours, as in cases of felonie at the common lawe. And that the offenders beinge hereof conuicte, by herdicte confession, or outlawrie, shal suffer suche peines of death, and losses, and penalties of theyr goodes, cattals, dettes, londes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, as felons bene accustomed to do acorpyng to the order of the common lawes of this realme. And that no person offendynge in any suche offence, shalbe admitted to his clergie. And that Justices of peace shal haue power and auctorite within the li-mittes of theyr commissions and iurisdiction, to here and determyne the sayde offence, as they do vse to do in cases of other felonies. This acte to endure tyll the laste daye of the nexte parlyamente.

¶ An acte agaynste kyllinge of ponge spaume or fyre of peles and Salmon. Capit. vii.



Ras moche as great hurte and dayly incomuenyence haue and do ensue vnto al the kinges subiectes of this realme by the greedy appetites and unsattiable desire, whiche sondrie of them occupieng fishynge, haue vsed, by takynge, kyllinge, and destroying the ponge spaume, fric, or brode of peles and salmon, as wel in salte ryuers as in freshe ryuers, lakes, plashes, fennes, and marshes in many parties of this realme, to the no littell hynderaunce and derogation of the common weale of the same, as also in kyllinge of salmons, when they be vnseasonable and not holsome for mans body, called commonly kypper salmons: It is therfore enacted by the kyng our souerayne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctorite of the same, that from the fyrste day of februarye nexte commynge, vnto the laste daye of July then nexte ensuenge, and so perely from thensforth, durynge the space of tenne yeres, no maner of person or persones, of what estate, degree, or condition so euer they be, with any maner of nette, wele, or with any deuise or engine made of heare, canuas, or with any other cautele shal willynge presume to take any fric, spaume, or brode of peles, called pele fares / or Ell vares, in any ryuers or waters salte or freshe, within this realme of Englande, or wales, or in the marches of the same. And ouer this that durynge the sayde ten yeres, no maner of person or persons, from the fyrst day of May, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lord god. M. D. XXXV. vnto the fyrst day of September then next folowing, & so perely from thensforth, during the sayde ten yeres shal presume willynge to take or destruye in or by meanes of any wele, butte, net, berd net of heare, taining, leepe, hute, crele, rawe web, lister, fier, or by anye other engine in fludgate, salmon pipe, or at the taple

of any mille or were, or in any streites, riuers, riuers, or brokes, salte or freshe within the realme of Englande, wales, Barwike, and the marches of the same, the ponge frie, spaume, or brode of any kynde of salmon, called laksynkes, smoltis, or salmon pele. And that no maner of persone or persones, of what degre or condicion he shall be of, from the feast of the exaltation of the holy crosse, to the feast of saynte Martine in wynter, durynge the sayde tenne yerres, shal wyllynge by any meanes afore sayd, or other wyse, kyll or dystroye any salmons, not in season, called hypper salmons, within any freshe ryuer or salte ryuer, or in places, where at that tyme suche salmons haue naturally theyr repaire, within this realme of Englande, wales, Barwike, or within the marches of the same. And if any person or persons, after any of the sayd dayes limited in this present acte, offende in any of the poyntis before reherced, contrarie to the tenour, fourme, and purpote of any parte of the same: then euerye suche persone or persons (so offendynge) shall leese and forsaite for euery tyme of his or theyr suche offence, the summe of fyue poundes, and the fyssh. And also the vnlawfull nettis, and other vnlawfull engins or deuises, what soo euer they be / made, kepte, or vled for the kyllynge, takynge, or dystroyenge of the sayde hypper salmons / or of any of the ponge brode / spaume, or frie of peles or salmon before reherced. The one halfe of the sayde forsaiture shalle be to the kynges hyghenesse, his heires, and successours, and the other halfe shall be to hym that wyl sue for the same by action of dette, bylle, playnte, or other wyse in any courte of recoorde within this realme, wales, or Barwike, or the marches of the same. And that the iustices of assise, and also the Justices of peace in euery assise and quarter sessions in al countie within this realme, and al lordis, haupnge courtes rovall in Englande, wales, or Barwike, & in the marches of the same, shall haue ful power and auctorite, by vertue of this presente acte, not onely to enquire of and vppon the defaultes and offences, commytted contrarie to the tenour and effecte of this presente act: but also to se due punishment and reformation therof, in forme afore sayd, from tyme to tyme, durynge the space of the sayde tenne yerres, as often as the case shall so require in euery behalfe.

An acte concernynge paupnge of Holburne / and other parishes within the cite and suburbs of London. Ca. viii.



Compleyneth to your highnes, and to your high courte of parliament, not alonely youre subiectes and inhabitants within the strete of Holborne, but also all the poore cariers and other youre subiectes, beinge common traauylers repairynge wekely and monethlye to youre cite of London, that where the sayde strete beinge the common passage for all cariages, caried from west and

and Norwest partis of the realme / was of late tyme so well and substan-
cially paid, that your subiectis hadde good and sure passage through the
saide strete, tyll now of late, for lacke of renewinge of the sayde pavinge
by the landlordes, whiche dwell not within the cite, the way is so noyous,
and so full of sloughes and other incumbrances, that often tyme many of
your subiectes, ridyng through the said strete and waye, be in desperdie of
hurt, & haue almoste perished. Pleaseth it your highnes, and the lordes
spirituall & temporal, & the commons in this present parliament assembled,
to enact, by the auctorite of the same, that all and singular persons, theyr
heires, and successours, which now haue, or hereafter shal haue any londis,
tenementis, or hereditamentis, betwene the bridge, called Holburne bridge,
and the barres at the west ende of the sayd strete, be it on the one side of the
strete and the other, in fee simple, fee tayle, or for terme of lyfe, shall before
the feast of saynt Michael, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord god. M.
D. XXXIIII. sufficiently paue or cause to be paved with paving stone, a-
longe from his or their lodges or tenementis, adioynng to the high waye,
all suche quantitie of the said strete, & in such places as the said strete at any
tyme before the making of this act, hath be paid, vpon peyn to forfait to
your highnes, your heires / & successours, for every yerde square not suffici-
ently paid by the said day limited & assigned in form before expressed. vi. d.
¶ And be it also enacted, by the auctorite aforesayd, that all and euery
persone and persones, hauynge any of the saide londis and tenementis in
possession or in vse, in fee simple, fee taile, or for terme of lyfe, adioynnge
to the sayd high way & strete, their heires and successours shall from and
after the said feast of saynt Michael, the which shalbe in the yere of our
lord god. M. D. XXXIIII. sufficiently meynटेन the pauement of the said
way & strete, against every of their londis or tenementis, in such & lyke forme
as is aboue declared, vpon peyne to forfait to your highnes, for every yerd
square of the said pauement, not sufficiently paved, repaired, & amended, as
often as anye suche defaulte of any persone shall be presented before the
maire & the aldermen of the same cite. vi. d. And that it be further enacted,
by the auctorite aforesaid, the said maire & the aldermen, for their time being,
may haue ful power & auctorite to enquire in every quarter of the yere, af-
ter the said feast of saynt Michael, the which shalbe in the yere of our lord
god. M. D. XXXIIII. by the othe of. xii. men of the said cite, as wel of them
that haue not paid accordyng to the prouision aforesayd, as also of them
that renuse or insufficiently shal hereafter meynटेन the same pauement,
or any other pauement within the said cite & the suburbs of the same. And
that the said maire and the aldermen may haue power and auctorite, after
every suche defaulte before them presented, to selle fynes by their discreti-
ons / and the said fynes to be certified into the kinges eschequer, and the
barons therof to make proces by distresse to be take vpon the saide landes
and tenementes / or otherwise by their discretion, as well for the sayde fines
assessed, as for their penalties before limited.

Crouped alway that yf the lessees of the saide landes, or of other londes, within the cite or suburbes of the same, do sufficiently paue or repaire befoze their mantions or dwellynge places, the stretes, whiche haue vled to be paupd: that then they and euery of them shall defalke, abate, and re-terne in his or theyr owne handes, as moche of the rentis due to the lessours, as they can proue to haue expended on the same paupnge, and the lesso: for so moche as that summe both amounte to, to haue no action nor reentre for the none payment of the same: Excepte it be otherwise agreed betwene them.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that lyke orde be obserued for paupnge of the stretes in the bozough of Southwarke, as is befoze mencioned to be done in the cite of London. So alwayes that the reformation and punishment of the offences there, shal rest in the Haue of the cite of London, as farre onely as is within the iurisdiction of the sayd cite: and the residue in the Justices of peace, of the countie, where the same stretes be. And that the same Justices of peace shall by vertue herof, haue power to make inquerie vpon the premises: and here, determine, and punyssh the defaultes in maner and forme aforesayde.

An acte concernynge Pewterers. Ca. ix.



A theyr mooste lamentable wyse shewen, and pitionself complayuen vnto the kynges mooste roiall maiestye, and to this his mooste hyghe courte of parlamente, the kynges mooste humble pooze, and obspaunte subiectes, the mayster wardens and pooze felowship of the craft and misterie of pewterers, as well of the cite of London, as of all other places within this realme of Englande: that where the sayde crafte or mysterie befoze this tyme hath ben one of the best handy craftes within this realme, which hath only growen and continued by meane of dyuers good actes and statutes made for the true exercise of the same, wherof one was made in the. xix. yere of the reigne of the kynges mooste renowned father, whose soule god pardon, and one other was made in the fourth yere of the kynges most victorious reigne, concerning the craftes of peuterers and brasiers, of and for the true makynge myrting and sellynge of good and true pewter and brasien vessels/ and also for exercisynge and vlyng of true weightes and beames to be occupied by the sellers of any suche pewter or brasien vessels within this realme: so that none of the kynges subiectis, nor any other persone shulde by anye sale of any false myrred brasien and pewter vessell, or any vntrewe weightis be deceyued, as by the saide statutes moze playnly dothe appere. whiche good estatutes duely put in execution, hath caused the said craft to encrease and multiplie, to the great pzosper and vilitie of a great nombze of the kynges subiectis, and the commoditie of peuter vessell moche to be had in reputa-

reputation in all straunge regions and countreys / buttill now of late dyuers euill disposed persons, bringe the kynges subiectes bozne, whiche haue ben apprentices and brought bp in the exercise of the sayde crafte of peuterers, haue nowe of late for theyr singular lucre repaired into strange regions and countreys, and there do exercise the sayde crafte of peuterers, teachinge straungers not onely the counnyng of mystryng and forginge of all maner of pewter vessel, but also do teache all thinges belonginge to the sayde crafte of peuterers: by meane wherof there is not onely brought dayly into this realme out of strange regions to be solde, great nombze of thinges made of pewter, vtually mystryed and made of tynne, wherewith the kynges subiectes be dayly deceyued, and the people of straunge countreys greatly instructed in the counnyng of the sayde crafte of peuterers: so that therby not onely a great nombze and quantitie of pewter vessel and other thynges of pewter, made in dyuers sortes and fashions amountinge to a great value, whiche was dayly and continually wonte to be caried and conueyde oute of this realme by marchauntes in to strange regions and countreys, there to be solde and vendyd. Wherby the commoditie of tynne made in to pewter vessel, whiche hath ben had in greate estimation, as thinges verie necessarie and commodious, and the kynges customes therby moche aduanced / is nowe lyke vnterly craffe and decaye, and not to be esteemed as here tofore hath ben, but also the sayd crafte of peuterers, which at this day setteth and kepeth in worke and occupation, a great nombze of people, shalbe vtterly vndone, and a great multitude of the kynges naturall subiectes therby fall into podelnes / to the great impoverishment of this realme, if speedie remedie for the redresse of the premises, be not provided. In tender consideration wherof and for reformation of the premises, it may please the kynges highnes, by the assente of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliamente assemblyd, and by auctorite of the same to ordeyne and enacte, that no person nor persons hereafter at any tyme, now inhabytynge / or whiche hereafter shal inhabite within this realme, shal bye, or otherwys take by exchaunge for other wares any maner wares made / or hereafter to be made, oute of this realme, of tynne or mystryed with tynne, as platters, dishes / saucers / pottis, basons, ewers, flagons / goblettis, salteris, saltcellers, sponys, or any other thyng made of tynne or pewter, as afore sayde, what so euer it be / vpon payne of forfayture of the same ware, in whose handes so euer it may be founde or taken: and also lawfull money currant in this realme / to the full value therof. The one halfe of the same forfayture to be to the vse of the kynges highnes / and the other halfe to be to the vse of the synders of the same.

¶ And further moze be it enacted, that it shalbe lesull to the maister and wardens of the sayd crafte of peuterers, as well within the cite of London, as within every other cite, borough and towne of this realme, wher suche wardens be, and wher no suche wardens be, to the heed officer or go-
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uerneur, heed officers oꝝ gouernours of the same citie, borough, oꝝ towne foꝝ the tyme beinge, to appoynte dyuers persons mooste experte in knowlege of the same, to make serche and seisure, and to take in to theyꝝ handes and possession all suche wares, as here after shalbe brought contrarie to the true entente and effecte of this presentc acte, in whose so euer handes oꝝ possessions any suche shalbe founde.

And also be it enacted, by the auctorite abouesayde, that no person noꝝ persones, occupieng the sayde crafte oꝝ occupation of pewterers within this realme, shall sette on worke oꝝ reterne in his oꝝ theyꝝ seruyce any person oꝝ persones to be his oꝝ theyꝝ apprentice oꝝ iourneyman beinge straunger boꝝne oute of this realme, vpon payne to foꝝsayte foꝝ euerye suche apprentice and iourney man. x. li. sterlyng. And that no straunger, boꝝne out of this realme, shal occupie exercise, oꝝ vse from the feast of Pentecost nexte commynge, the sayde crafte of pewterers, ne worke any maner of vessell oꝝ other ware afoꝝe sayde, to be made of tynne oꝝ pewter, within any place oꝝ places of this realme, vpon payne of foꝝsapture of tenne pounde sterlyng: And also vpon payne of foꝝsapture of the same pewter oꝝ tynne so wꝛoughte, in whose handes so euer it maye be founde oꝝ taken.

And also be it enacted by auctorite afoꝝe sayde, that no person noꝝ persons beinge boꝝne within this realme, occupieng oꝝ exercysynge the sayd crafte of pewterers, shall at any tyme here after resorte in to any straunge regions oꝝ countreis, there to vse, teache, oꝝ exercise the sayd crafte of pewterers, vpon payne to lose the priuilege and benefyte of an Englyshe man. And if in case anye of the kynges subiectes, at this presente tyme beinge dwellynge in any straunge countrey oꝝ region, and there occupieng the sayd crafte of pewterers, do not repayre in to this realme within thre monethes nexte after request and warnynge to hym to be gyuen, by wrytyng sealed with the common seal of the wardens of the sayd craft within the said citie of London, & here in this realme continually from hensefoꝝthe dwell and inhabit: that then and from thense foꝝth he shalbe reputed & taken as none Englyshe man, but shall stonde and be from thensefoꝝth oute of the kynges protection.

And foꝝ as moche as sondꝛe yuelle disposed persons, whiche comonlie ben called haukers, by auctorite of the kinges letters patentes oꝝ placard, do not onely go about from place to place within this realme, vsynge byeng & sellynge of brasse and pewter, and by colour & pretence of the same licences oꝝ placardes, vse vnlawful and deceivable weightes & beames, but also do vse to sel bothe brasse and pewter, whiche is not good noꝝ truly, noꝝ lawfully myrte noꝝ wꝛought, to the great deceite of the kinges true liege people, contrarie to the forme and effect of the sayd good acte and statute, made in the said. iiii. yere of the kinges moste noble reyne: Be it therfoꝝe enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that al suche licences and placardes, here to foꝝe hadde, made, oꝝ graunted to anye suche persone oꝝ persons, contrarie to the true meaninge, forme and effecte of this statute, shalbe

shall be from henceforth, by auctoritie of this present parliament, clerely void and of none effecte. And where as in the sayde acte of parliament concernynge the crafte of peuterers and brasiers made in the sayd .iiii. yere for dyuers causes and considerations in the same act conteyned, amongst other thynges it is expessed, that no person or persones, vsynge the sayde crafte of peuterers or brasiers, shoulde from thensforth selle or chaunge any pewter or brasle, newe or olde, at any place or places within this realme, but only in open seyses or markettes / or in theyr owne dwellynge houses, but if they were desired by the buyers of suche wares upon payne of forfaiture for euery suche defaulte. *r.li.*

¶ For as moche as the same forfaiture is to the only vse of the kynges highnes, and that any partie serchynge or findynge the same / is not intituled to haue any benefite thereby: it hath not ben knowen, that any persones or persons haue taken any peine to enserch or make any inquerie therof, by reason wherof dyuers and many euyl disposed persons, vsynge byenge and sellynge both of brasle and of pewter, And not regardynge the sayde good acte / neyther the sayde penaltie, dayly go about from village to village, to toun to toun, and from howse to howse, to selle suche peuter and brasle, which is not good / and also vse decepuable weightes and beames, as they dyd before the makynge of the sayde acte, to the greatte hurte and deceyte of the kinges true liege people and subiectis. Wherfore be it enacted by the auctorite aboue sayde, that as well the moete of the sayde forfaiture of *r.li.* lymitted in the sayde statute, made in the sayde fourthe yere / as also the moete of all other forfaitures before expessed, and euerye of theym be & shall be to the vse of the kynges highnes, his heires and successours: and the other moete of the same forfaitures, and euerye of theym, to the vse of hym or them / that shall lease, synde, or present the sayd forfaitures or any of them, or that shall sue for the same in any competent court or courtes within this realme / by action of dette, byll / playnt, or information, wherein the defendant shall in no wyse be admytted to wage his lawe / nor anye protection or eslopie to any person or persons, whiche shall be impeached to haue offended contrarye to the forme and effecte of this estatute, shalbe allowable. This acte to endure to the laste day of the next parliament.

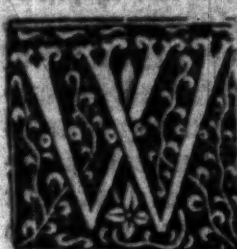
¶ An act concernynge the othe of commissioners of sewers. *Ca. r.*

It enacted by auctoritie of this presente parliament, that the acte late made for sewers, and the commission therein recited shalbe extended, vsed, and put in execution in the towne and marches of Caleis, accorдынge to the tenour of the same commission in lyke effecte, as it is enacted to be put in execution within this realme: and that no person shalbe compelled to be sworn or otherwyse bounde to speere or trauaile in execution of any comission of sewers within this

this realme, oneles that he be dwellinge within the countie, wherof he is or shall be assigned to be commissioner: And for Caleis, and the sayd marches therof, oneles that he be dwellinge within the same towne of Caleis or marches.

¶ And bycause that dyuers persons heretofore assigned to be commissioners haue refused to be sworn, accorbyng to the saide former acte, wherby dyuers commissions heretofore made, remayne hitherto without effectuall execution: Be it therfore enacted, that if any person assigned or to be assigned, to be suche commissioner of sewers beinge required hereafter by suche person or persons, as haue or shall haue auctoritie by the kinges writte, or otherwise, to receyue or accepte the othe comprised in the said former acte, euery person that so refuseth to take the same othe, or vpon that requeste made, do not receyue the same othe, and that refusall or contempte done in the chauncery, or returned into the chauncery with the said writte, shall lose and forsaite for the same contempte to the kyng our souerayne lord, fyue markes: And so to lose from tyme to tyme fyue markes for euery such contempt, as shall be done or returned into the said chancery/ agensie any suche person, oneles that he in the same Chauncerie do shewe and allegge in the saide terme, wherin suche returne shalbe made agensie hym, sufficient and reasonable matter and cause to be allowed by the lord Chancellor for his excuse and discharge in that behalfe.

An acte to auoyde distruction of wyldfowle. Cap. xi.



Here befoze this tyme there hath ben within this realme great plentie of wyldfowle, as dukkes, mallardes, wiggeons, realis, wyldgeese/ and dyuers other kyndes of wyldfowle, wherby not onely the kynges moiste honorable householde/ but also the howses of the noble men & prelatis of this realme, haue be furnished for the necessary expences of the same houses at couenient prices, but al so al marketts of the same realme were sufficietly furnished with wyldfowle, there to be solde in suche wise, that such as were mete to make prouision of the same for theyr houses, myght at resonable prices at the same markettis, be therof prouyded. Neuer thelesse dyuers persons next inhabitynge in the countreys and places within this realme, where the substance of the same wyldfowle hath ben accustomed to bryde, haue in the sommer season/ at suche tyme as the sayde olde fowle be mowted and not replenished with feathers to flye, nor the yonge fowle fully feathered perfectly to flye, haue by certayne nettis and other ingins and policies perely taken great nombze of the same fowle, in suche wise / that the bryde of wyldfowle is almooste thereby wasted and consumed, and dayly is lyke more and more to wast and consume, if remedye be not therfore prouyded: Be it therfore enacted by the kyng our souerayne lord, by thassent of the lordes spiritual and tempo-
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posall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that it shall not be lawfull to any persone or persons hereafter betwene the laste day of Maye, and the laste day of Auguste, to take or cause to be taken any furthe wyldefowle; with nettes or any other ingins/ vpon payne of one yeres prisonment, and to forfait for euery soule so taken, iii. d. The one halfe thereof to be to the kynge our souerayne lord, and the other halfe to hym that wyl sue for the same by action of dette in any of the kynges courtis: and in the whiche action none effoer no: protection shalbe allowed, no: wager of lawe receyued.

¶ And be it enacted by auctoritie afoze sayde, that all Justices of peace, within the limittes of their commission, shall haue power and auctoritie to enquire, here, and determine the offences afozesayde, lyke as they commonly vse and do in cases of trespass.

¶ Provided alwayes that it shall be lawfull to any gentyll man, or any other that may dispense. cl. s. by the pere, of freeholde, to hunte and take suche wyldefowle with theyr spaniels only, without vsing any nette or other gins for the same, excepte it be a longe bowe or longe bowes.

¶ Provided also and be it enacted by the sayde auctoritie, that frome the fyrste daye of Marche, whiche shall be in the pere of our lord god. M. D. XXXIIII. vnto the laste day of June then nexte ensuyng, and so perely from thensforth, no maner of persone or persones shall presume by day or by nyght, wyllynge to withdraue, purloyn, take, distrope, or conueye any maner of egges of any kynde of wyldefowle, from or in any neste, place or places, where they shall chaunce to be layde by any kynde of the same wyldefowle, vpon payne of imprisonment for one pere, and to lese and forfait for euery egge of any crane or bustarde, so distroyed, purloyned, withdraue, conueyde, or taken from any neste or place. xx. pence: and for euery egge of euery bittout, heronne, or houelarde, viii. d. and for euery egge of euery malarde, tele, or other wylde fowle, one peny. The one moitie thereof to be to the kynge our souerayne lord, and the other halfe to hym that wyl sue for the same, in forme afozesayde: wherein no wager of lawe, effoer, or protection shall be allowed. And that all Justices of peace, within the limittes of their commission, shall haue full power and auctoritie to enquire, here, and determine the same, in forme befoze rehearsed.

¶ Provided alwayes that this acte extende not, nor be hurtfulle at any tyme hereafter to any persone or persons/ that wolle distrope any crows, chowghes, rauons, and bolarbes, or theyr egges, or to any other fowle or their egges, not comestible, nor used to be eaten.

¶ An acte concernynge the atterpnyze of Elizabeth Barton, and other, whiche vnder the colour of hypocrisie, dissimuled sanctite, and false feyned myracles, traistorously intended to distroy our souerayne lord the kynge, and to depriue hym of his royaume, and dignitie royall. Capit. xii.

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he lordes and commons in this present parliament assembled, most humbly beseechen the kynges highnes, that for the declaration of his most pure & sincere conscience, in the deuotion & separation lawfully had & done betwene his magestie, & the right excellent princes, the lady Catharine, & for due punishment to be had of suche persons as maliciously malignyng against the same, haue traitterously attempted many notable actes, intendinge thereby the disturbance of the peace & tranquillite of this realme, & for the repression, example, & reformation of the malyses & malignities, whiche here after may be falsely conspired & compassed by suche euyl doers to make diuision within this realme, that it may be enacted in maner and fourme folowynge, that is to saie.

¶ VVHERE OVR sayde soueraigne lord, lyke a good and a vertuous prince, beinge afflicted and soze incombred in his conscience with the marriage whiche was solempnyed bytwene his maiestie and the sayde righte excellent princes the lady Catherine, late wyfe of the ryght excellent prince Arture, naturallie brother to our sayde soueraygne lord, to the whiche prince Arture the sayd lady Catherine was lawfully married, & by him carnallie knowen, for the onely discharge of his conscience against almighty god, by all true wates and meanes inserched, studied, deuised and consulted, as well with sondre vniuersities of churshendome, as with a gret number of excellent clerkes lerned in diuinitie, of the validitie and invaliditie of the sayde marriage, solempnyed betwene his highnesse and the saide lady Catharin, beinge before the said marriage his saide brothers wife, and by him carnally knowen. And after the determinate and playn iudgements of the saide sondre vniuersities and well lerned men, by reason of inserches in the holy scriptures of god, by a greate aduise and deliberation, it was declared and signified vnto our sayde souerayne lord, that the said marriage solempnyed betwene his highnes and the saide lady Catharine, was prohibited and detested by the lawes of almighty god, our said soueraine lord therupon pursued for a iuste and lausfull separation and deuotion to be hadde, betwene his highnes and the saide lady Catherine from the bondes of the saide vnlawfull & detested marriage, as to a good catholike prince besemeth to do in that behalf, to the intente that his maiestie, vnder the bondes of a lawfull marriage, consonant and agreable vnto the lawes of almighty god, mighte haue issue and procreation for the welch/peace, rest, tranquillite, and suretie of this his realme and subiectes of the same: whiche deuotion and separation, is now lawfully had, and our said souerain lord iustly & lawfully married to his moste dere & entierly beloued wife quene Anne, & by her hath had issue, & is like (god beinge pleased) to haue mo, to the great comfort, reioice, & surete of al his subiectes of this realme. And albeit that our said souerayn lord, like a good catholike kinge, for the only discharge of his conscience, & for the welch & suretie of this his realme, most prudently, most deliberately, most gently, most meekely, & most charitably proceded in the inserchyng & knowynge of the validitie & invaliditie of the

said detested & vnlawful marriage, and therein painfullly trauailed by many peres, not only to the great inquietnes & trouble of his mind, but also to his inestimable costes & expences: yet neuertheles, diuers & sondry wilful & disobedient subiectis of this realme, whose names & offences shall appere, & be declared hereafter, being maliciously fixed in a contrary opinion agaynst the pure iugement of the kinges owne conscience, & also the determinations of the said sondry vniuersities & wel learned men, wel perceiuing that they, being but a fewe in nomibre, coude not by their said wilful & peruerse opinions groudred of malice, corruption, and affection, hinder ne interrupte the said deuozse & separation by any lawful meanes, did therfore, by fals feined hypocritie, dissembled sanctitie, and stoked holynes, not only set forth and put in the herbes of a great nōbre of the subiectes of this realme, as wel nobles, as other spiritual & temporal persons, that they had knowlege by reuelatiō from almighty god & holy saintes, that god shuld be displeased with our said souerain lord, for his said pcedinges in the said deuozse & separation of the said detested & vnlawful marriage, but also furnished emōges other thinges, that god had reueled to an holy womā, whose name hereafter shal be mencioned in this acte, that in case, his highnes proceeded to thacōplishement of the said deuozse, & married an other, that then his maiestie shulde not be king of this realme, by the space of one month after, and in the reputation of god shuld not be kepte one day, nor one houre, with many other fals feined & dissimulate fables, tales, & lies, by the vnlawfully & trastrously practised, deuised, imagined, & conspired as wel to the blasphemy of almighty god, as agaynst our said souerain lord, as by the perticulers therof, hereafter moze at large, in this presente acte shall be expessed. That is to say,

FIRST one Elizabeth Barton (nowe beinge Nonne professed in the house & priory of saint Sepulchres of Cāturbury) which lōge afore she was pressed nūme, dwelled with one Thomas Cobbe, in the parochie of Aldington, in the countie of Kēt, & hapned to be visited with sicknes, & by occasion therof brought in suche debilitie & weakenes of her brayn, bicause she coude not eate ne drinke by a longe space, that in the violence of her infirmite, she seemed to be in trances, and spake & vttered many folyshe & idel wordes. And one Richard Gaster clerke, being pson of the said parochie of Aldington, in the said countie of Kent, after that he had made to the late archbishop of Cāturbury a far larger report, concerning the hypocritie, traūses, & speeches of the said Elizabeth, than he coude iustifie & abide by, and after that he was commaunded by the saide archbishop to giue good attendance vpon her, if she shuld fortune to haue any moe suche traūses & speeches, & to sende him knowlege therof, to thintent to mainteine, vpholde, and verifie such report as he had made, as wel to the archbishop aforesaid, as to other, of the wonderfull traūses & speeches of the said nonne: falsly and craftily infourmed the saide Elizabeth, that the meruailous wordes, which she spake in her traūses, afore his riding to tharchbishop aforesaid, preued of thinspiration of the holy gost: & that she was gretly to be blamed, if she wold hide or dissemble the wonderfull workes of god shewed in her: for afore this his said information & in-

struction, she said constantly, that she could not remembre, that she spake any suche notable wordes in her traunses, as were reported vnto her by the said Rich. M^aster. which Elizabeth, beinge in this maner of wise often times p^rswaded procured, & informed by the said p^rson of Aldingto, toke boldnes & corage to forge, feine, & countrefait such maner of trailes & crafty speches, as the said p^rson of Aldington told her that she v^rled in her sicknes afore he went to the said Archeb^rishop. And when the sayd Elizabeth had v^rled this maner of fals & feined counterfeting for a selson, & was p^rfect therein (so that the fame therof was gretly spred abroad in those p^rties of k^rt) then the said p^rson (to thintet aforesaid) & to the entent the peple shuld giue more feith & credence vnto her, & bicause he wold haue increased the deuotioⁿ of the peple in coming on pilgremage to a chapel set in Court at strete aforesaid, within his said poche, dedicate in the hono^r of our lady, for his owne lucre & aduantage, imagined, deuised, cōpasse^d, and declared with the aide, helpe, & counsaile of one Edward Bocking monke p^rofessed in the monasterie in Ch^ristis church in Cāturbury, & docto^r in diuinite, that the said Elizab. being in the extasy & extremitie of her sicknes, in a maner distract in a transe, shuld say emonges other wōderful wordes, that she shuld neuer take helth of her body, tyl such time as she had visited the image of our lady, being in the saide chappell at Courte at strete aforesaide: and that our lady hadde aperid vnto hir, and shewed her, that if she came to the said chappell at the daye to her appoynted, she shoulde be restored to her helthe by myracle, where in very dede she was restored to her p^rfect helthe by diete and physycke, and by the course of Nature, whiche expelled the matter beinge cause of her sicknes, in the meane tyme whiles the saide p^rson of Aldington was with the sayde archebishop, as is afore reher^rsed. And all be it the said Elizabeth was thus naturall^y restored to her helthe, yet she beinge accustom^ed & acquainted with the maner and facion of her distract traunses, by the counsaile, conspiracy, and cōfederacie of the said Edward Bockynge and Richarde M^aster, dyd falsely p^ractise, vse and shewe vnto the people, diuers and meruailous sobeyne alterations of her sensible parties of her body, craftely vttering in her said feyned & fals trances, dyuers and many vertuous and holy wordes, tendinge to the rebuke of synne, and in reprobouing of suche newe opinions, as then beganne to sprynge in this realme, which she called heresies, as she was induced and taught by the said Edward Bockynge, and Richarde M^aster, vsynge all the wapes of false hypocrisie, to thintent the people shuld gyue belefe and credence vnto her, wherby they myght be the sooner brought into the detestable crimes of blasphemye and idolatrye ageynste almighty god. And the saide Edward Bockynge, beyng maliciou^sly fixed in his opinion ageynste the kynges hyghnes in the sayde detested matrimonye, and intendynge in his mynde afterwarde^s for his parte, falsely and trayt^rously to vse the sayde Elizabeth, as a dyabol^yke instrumente to stirre, moue, and prouoke the people of this realme as welle nobles as other, to moue

mount and geuge agensst the maiestie of our said soverain lord, & al his iud
 and lausfull procedynge, in the said deuoyse & separation, as after he dyd
 in very dede, for that accomplisshing of his sayd fals malicious & trayterous
 intentis falsely deuised & conspired with the said Richard, that the said Eli-
 zabeth shuld shewe and manifest her selfe to the people, to be an excellent ver-
 tuous and an holy woman, and that al her wordes & dedes shuld appere to
 the worlde, to procede of a meruaylous holynes, rebukynge the commen
 sins & vices of the worlde, as though she were taught & inspired of the holy
 spirit of god. And not only moued and consulted the said Elizabeth how to
 vse her selfe, surmittinge to her that she shoulde saye the thinges in the extasy of
 her sicknes, that came by thinspiration of god, but also consulted & procu-
 red the said Elizabeth to be brought & conueid to the said chapel of our lady,
 and she therein openly in the presence of the people (that there shuld be assem-
 bled by their procurementis) shulde vse and experient such like trances &
 alterations of her face, and other the outward sensible ptes of her body, as
 she vied in thertremitie & extasy of her said sicknes. To whose counsailes &
 aduertisementis, the said Elizabeth agreed. Wherupon at a day by theyn
 appointed & agreed, the sayd Edward & Richard, labored, solicited, and p-
 cured aboute the nombze of ii. thousand psons, to repaire to the said chapel,
 surmitting that the said Elizabeth (which as they said had meruailous and
 many visions & reuelations of god, shuld be brought thither, & there receiue
 her helth by miracle of our lady, whose image was in the said chapel. By re-
 son of which fals feined & detestable conspiracie and hypocrisie, at the day by
 them appointed, there assembled to the said chapel, aboute the nombze of. M. M.
 people. At which day also, the said Edward Bocking and Richard Maister
 procured & caused the said Elizabeth to repaire to the said chapel, where the
 said Elizabeth, albeit she at that time, & long afoze, was restored to helth of
 her body, & discharged of her tozmetes and afflictions, which she had in the
 extasy of her sicknes: yet neuertheles by the procurement & crafty counsel
 of the said Edward Bocking, & Richard Maister, did falsely seme & shewe
 vnto the people in the same chapel many alterations of her face and other
 outward sensible partes of her body, and falsely feined & shewed her selfe in
 trances, uttering wondrous wordis, as she was afoze subtilly & craftely in-
 duced and taught by the said Richard and Edward to do. And emonges o-
 ther thinges, she uttered, that it was the pleasure of god, that the said Ed-
 ward Bocking shulde be her godfely father, & that she shulde be a religious
 womanne, as she was taught by the sayde Edward Bockynge, and Ry-
 charde Maister. And within a while after demonstration of suche fals fey-
 ned and dissimuled traunses, she appered to the people to be sodenly re-
 ueled frome hir L. henesse and afflictions: by the intercession and mea-
 nes of the image of our ladye beynge in the same chapel. By meanes of
 whiche fals feyned hypocrisie, dissimuled and cloked sanctitie, so conspi-
 red and craftily imagined by the said Edward Bocking and Richard Ma-
 ster, the saide Elizabeth was brought into a meruailous fame, credit, and
 good opinion of a great multitude of the people of this realme. And so in-

errece the same of the said fals feined hypocritie, the said Elizabeth afterwar-
des by the counsaile and procurement of the said Edward Bocking entered
into the religion, & becam a nonne profesed in the said priorie of seint
Sepulchres, to whom the said Edward Bocking hau comonly his resoite,
not without probable, vehement, & violent suspition of incontinencie, pre-
tending to be her gostly father by goddes appoyntmet. And by conspiracy
betwene her & him caused her still to persist & abide in the practisinge of her
said fals hypocritie & dissemblinge trances & raptis: And that she shuld surmit
to the people, that whan she was in suche simulated alteration of her sensible
partis of her body, that she was then rapte by almighty god from thaffec-
tions of this worlde, & tolde by the holy spirite of god, many thinges that
shulde folowe to the worlde for punishment of the sinnes of the princis &
the people. And that she shuld also say, that she was moche prouoked & temp-
ted alwel to the sinne of the fleshe, as other wise, by her gostly ennem the de-
uyl, at diuers & sondrye times, & in diuers and sondry wayes and factions.
And yet neuertheles, that she by the grace of god, was preserued, & stedfast-
ly resisted such temptations. By occasion of which counsaile & procurement
of the said Edward Bocking, the said Elizabeth, by continuance of time toke
such a corage vpon her, that she falsely feined & said, that she had many re-
uelations of almighty god, & his holy saintes, with heuenly lightes, heuenly
voices, heuenly melodies & iopes, & specially in a chapell of saint Giles in
the said nonnerie: to the which chapel she ofte times resoited to receiue visi-
ons & reuelations, as comanded by god, as she falsely reported, & specially
by night, saying, that the docture doze was made open vnto her by goddis
power, vntermyng the same alwel to the said Edward Bocking, as to diuers
other persons. By the which her fals feined reuelations & cloked hypocritie
she was reputed amoges many peple of this realme, to be a veray holy wo-
man inspired with god, where in veray dede, she neuer had vision or reuelation
from god, as she hath plainly & openly confessed her selfe. And therfore her ste-
ling forth of the docture in the night (which was ones or twice wekely) was
not for spiritual busines, nor to receiue reuelations of god, but rather for bo-
dily comunicatio & plesure with her frendes, which coude not haue so good
leisure & oportunitie with her by day. And for ratification of her false feined
reuelations, the said Edward by conspiracy betwene him & the said Elizabeth
reculed the same to the most reuered father in god, William late archbishop
of Canturbery, who by fals & vntreue surmises, tales and lies of the said Ed-
ward & Elizab. was allured, broughte, & induced to a credite therein, & made
no diligent serches for trial of their said falsshodes & confederations, but suffred
& admitted the same to the blasphemie of almighty god, & to the great disceit
of the prince & peple of this realme. And for a perpetual memozy of the said
fained & dissimuled hypocritie & fals reuelations of the said Elizab. the said
Edward Bocking, Richard master, and one John Dering, a monke in the
said monastery of Chyristis church forsaide, made, wrote, & caused to be writ-
ten sondry boke bothe great and small, bothe printed and written, concer-
nyng the particularites of the said fals & fained hypocritie and reuelations of
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the sayd Elizabeth, or the defence or great prayse of the same: Surmising a puttyng forth the same fals & feyned practises & revelations of the saide Elizabeth to be iust & true myracles, shewed by almighty god in the fauour of the sanctitie of the said Elizabeth, where in dede they ben and were falsly deuised, compassed, conspired, written, & mepntened by the said Elizabeth, Edward Bocking, Richard Master, & John Dering, to thowly intent to bring the said Elizabeth in the same & credite of the people of this realme, wherby the people shulde the more be apte and disposed by her false cloked hypocritie & sanctite, to comit the crimes of blasphemy & idolatrie agensit god, & also the soner induced by the false revelations of the sayd Elizabeth, to murmur, gruge, & be of euyl opinio agensit the maiestie of our said souerayne lord, to the great peryl & dangier of his most royal persone. And one Edward Chwaites gent. translated and wrote diuers quaires and shietes of paper, concernyng the said fals feined revelations & miracles of the said Elizabeth. And also one Thomas Laurence of Canturbury, being regester to the archedeacon of Canturbury, at the instance and desire of the said Edward Bocking, wrote a great boke of the said fals & feyned myracles and revelations of the saide Elizabeth in a faire hande/ redy to be a copie to the printer, when the sayd boke shulde be put to stampe.

¶ Emonges which fals & feined revelations surmised by the said Elizabeth and put in wrytinges in diuers boke by the fals conspitracie, meanes, and procurement of the said Edward Bocking, Richard master, John Dering, and other theyr complices, there is expressed, that the deuyl shulde appere to the said Elizabeth, in diuers facions/ somtymes lyke a man wantonly & paraped, somtyme lyke a birde deformed, & sometime otherwise. And that Mary Magdalene shuld often appere to the said Elizabeth, & reuele to her many revelations. And at one tyme shuld deliuer to her a letter wrytten in heuen, parte wherof was lymned with golden letters, where in dede the same letters were wrytten with the hande of a monke of saint Augustins in Canturbury named Haukherst.

¶ There was also wrytten & contened emonges the said false & feined miracles & revelations, that whe the kinges highnes was at Calcis in the enterbiewe betwene his maiestie & the frenche king, & hering masse in the churche of our lady at Calcis, that god was so displeied with the kinges highnes, that his grace saw not that tyme at the masse the blessed sacrament, in fourme of bread: for it was taken away from the priest (being at masse) by an angel, and ministred vnto the said Elizabeth, the being there present & inuisible, & sodenly conueid and rapt thens again by the power of god into the saide nonnery, where she is professed, with many other fals feined fables & tales deuised, conspired, & defended by the sayde Elizabeth, Edward Bocking, and John Deringe, wrytten as miracles in the said boke for a memorzall to sette forth the fals and feined hypocritie and cloked sanctitie of the sayde Elizabeth to the people of this realme, as by the sayde sondry boke & wrytnges therof made, seen, and examined by the kynges most honourable counsaile more playnlye appereth: In whiche boke be wrytten suche termes and sentences of

reproche and schlauder ageynst the kynges hyghnes, and the quene, whiche were to shamefull to be wrytten ageynst the moste vile and vngyratious persones lypynge, whiche to here, it wolde abhorre euery trewe subiecte of this realme.

¶ And after the sayde Elizabeth, by suche her false and feyned hypocritie and dissimuled sanctitie was brought in a great bruce and fame of the people in sondry partys of this realme, then the sayd Edward Bockynge, by procurement and secrete conspiciacie of dyuers persons vnknewen, whiche maligned ageynst the procedynges of the kynges hyghnes, for the separation and deuorle in the sayd detested and vnlawfull mariage, traitorously intending to put the kynges hyghnes in a murmur and euyl opinion of his people, for the same counsayled & styred the sayd Elizabeth, that she shulde aske a petition of almighty god, to knowe whether god was displeased with the kynges hyghnes, for procedyng in the sayd deuorle and separation of the mariage betwene his hyghnes, and the said lady Catharine, declaring to her many times, that he and dyuers other notable lerned men of this realme, and many of the common people of the same, were in fyne opinions, that the kynges procedyng in the sayd deuorle, was ageynste the lawes of god. Wherupon the sayd Elizabeth subtilly and craftely conceyving thopinion and mynde of the sayd Edward, wyllyng to please hym, reueled and shewed vnto the sayd Edward, that she had knowlege by reuelation frome god, that god was highly displeased with our sayd souerayne lord for the same matter. And in case he desisted not from his procedynges in the saide deuorle and separation, but pursued the same, and married agayn, that then within one moneth after suche mariage, he shuld no lenger be kyng of this realme: and in the reputation of almighty god, shoulde not be a kyng one day nor one houre: and that he shulde dye a villaynes dethe: Saying farther, that there was a roote with iii. branches, and tyll they were plucked vp, it shulde neuer be merie in Englande: interpretinge the roote, to be the late lord Cardinall, and the fyrst branche to be the kyng our souerayne lord, the seconde the duke of Norff. and the thyrde the duke of Suff. which false feyned reuelations, by the mischeuous and malicious counsaile and conspiciacie of the sayd Edward Bockynge, with the sayde Elizabeth were wryten and expressed in the sayd booke and volumes, conteynyng the false & feyned reuelations & myracles of the sayd Elizabeth, for a perpetuall memory therof, to thutter reproche & peryl of distruction of the kynges person, his honour, fame, and name: and pryncypally and secretly set forth by the sayd Elizabeth, Edward Bockyng, John Derynge, and Richard Basset, generally to dyuers and many of the kynges subiectis, and specially as to electe persons, to the reuerende father, John byshoppe of Rochester, and John Welson clerke, chapleyne to the same byshoppe, & to one Henry golde prieste, bacheler of diuinitie, to Hugh Riche frete obseruant, and late wardeyne of the freeres obseruantes of Canturbury, whiche beate malice and malignite to al the kynges procedynges in the said deuorle and separation, because

because it was contrary to their peticion and toward opinions, intending by colour of the sayde false and feyned hypocryse and reuelacions of the sayde Elizabeth, not onely to let the sayde deuorise and separation, but also to bypasse and set forth secretly in the heedes of the people of this realme, as well nobles as other, that all the kynges actes and procedynges in the same/ were agensst holy scriptures and the plesure of almyghty god: whereby the kynges highnes shulde be brought in a grudge and euill oppinion of his people. And the sayd John byshoppe of Rochester, Henry golde, Hugh Wyche, Rycharde Ryfby, Rycharde Waster, John Weryng, at sondrye and seuerall tymes and places spake with the sayde Elizabeth, to the relation of her of the sayde false and feyned reuelacions, whiche she feyned that she had of almyghty god/ as well concernyng the kynges byghnes as other, after the fourme and termes aboue specified. And hauing knowledge therof, the sayd Hugh Wyche, Rycharde Ryfby, and Henry Golde clerke gaue suche fyne and constant credite therunto, that they traytously conceived hit frome the kynges highnes, and traytously beleued in theyr hartes, that the kyng our souerayne lord, after his late mariage solempnised betwene his byghnes and his sayde mooste dere and entirely beloued wyfe queene Anne/ was no longer rightfully kyng of this realme, in the reputation of almyghty god, whereby in theyr hartis and wyllis they traytously withdrew from his highnes theyr naturall dueties of obedience: And secretly taught and moued other persones (to whom they reueled the sayde false and feyned reuelacions) that they dought and myght lawfully do in the same wyse: and practised the sayd matters agensst the kynges maiestie, falsely/ maliciously, and traitously at sondry places and tymes, with the fathers and nonnes of Wyon, & dyuers monkes of the Charter house of London and Shene, and with dyuers freeres obseruantes of the places of Wychemont, Brenewiche/ and Canturbury, and to dyuers others both spirituall and temporall persons in great nombre/ to thintent to sowe a secrete murmur and grunge in the hartes of the kynges subiectis, agensst the maiestie of our sayde souerayne lord, and all his procedynges in the saide deuorise and separation, intendyng thereby to make suche a diuision and rebellyng in this realme, amonges the kynges subiectes, whereby the kynges highnes shulde not onely haue ben put to perill of his lyfe, but also in leoperdie to be depriued from his crowne and dignite royal.

¶ And for a more playne and particuler declaration of the malicious and traitorous intentes of the said Elizabeth, Edward Bockyng, John Weryng, Hugh Wyche, Rycharde Ryfby, and Henry Golde, they concluded by a confederacie amonge them selves, eche with other, to set forth in sermons & preachynges the sayd reuelacions to the people of this realme, agensst the kynges maiestie, when so euer it shulde please the sayde Elizabeth to appoynte them the tyme, when they shuld so do: and agreed eche with other secretly and set forth the saide false and feyned reuelacions to theyr acquaintance and frendes in this realme, intending to make a great multitude of people of this

of this realme, by their secret cōspiracies in an aptnes to receiue & take such their sermons & preachinges, which they intended to make, as is also said, conceyning the premisses, traytrously intendyng thereby to put our said souerayn lord, not only in the perill of his lyfe, but also in the reuerdie of losse & deprivation of his crowne and dignitie royall of this realme from hym and his lawful succession for ever. And in accomplisshyng thesē fals traytrous & malicious intentes agēst our sayd souerayn lord, they caused the sayd Elizabeth, at two tymes secretly to declare the said false and feined reuelations to.ii. of the popes oratours and ambassatours at the cities of Canturbury and London. At whiche tyme the sayd Henry Golde toke vpon him to be interpretatour therof, betwene the said Elizabeth, and one of the said oratours named Antony Bulleon: and thinterpretatour to thother oratour named Spluester, was the forsayd Laurence of Canturbury, to thintent the kynges hyghnes, and all his procedynges in the said deuorſe and separation shulde be brought into an euill opinon with the pope and other outwarde princis and potentates. And the sayde Hughe Ryche, actually traauyled to sondry places of this realme, and made secrete relation of the premisses conceyning the kynges hyghnes, to dyuers lordes both spirituall and temporell, and dyuers other persons lay and lerned, secular and religious. And the said Henry Golde ouer this, actually traauyled and made relation therof to the sayde lady Catharine princes dowager, to animate her to make commotion in this realme, agēst our sayd souerayne lord, surmyttinge that the sayde Elizabeth shoulde haue by reuelation of god, that the said lady Catharine shulde prosper and do well, and that her issue the lady Mary the kinges daughter shuld prosper & reigne in this realme/ & haue many frendes to susteyn & maynteyn her. And the sayd Elizabeth & Edward Bockyng, John Derpyng, and Rycharde Master, lykwys actually traauyled to dyuers places in this realme, and made secrete relation of the said false feined hypocritie and reuelations of the sayd Elizabeth, and gaue knowlege herof to dyuers other sondry persons of this realme.

¶ All whiche conspiracies and confederacies of the sayde Elizabeth, and other her complices, aboue mencioned, was traytrously and maliciously deuised and practised by the sayd Elizabeth, Edward Bockyng, John Derpyng, Rycharde master, Henry Golde, Hugh Ryche, and Rycharde Kylby, to the intent traytrously to destroy our said souerayne lord, and to depryue hym and his lawfull succession from the crowne and dignitie royall of this realme, whiche matter hath bene practised and pimagined amonges them for the space of many yeres: wherof the hole circumstance were very longe to be written in this acte. And the said John Fisher byshop of Rochester, and one Thomas Golde gentylman, and the sayde Thomas Laurence, Edward Thwaites, and John Adelson chapleyn to the sayd John byshop of Rochester, hauyng knowlege of the false feined and dissimuled reuelations traytrously conspired agēst our sayd souerayne lord (as is also sayde) dyd neuertheles make conceplement therof, and vttered not
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the same to our sayde soueraygne, nor any his honourable counsell, against theyr dueties and allegiance in that behalfe.

¶ And furthermore the sayde Thomas Golde, for the accomplisshement of his sayde mooste traytrous intende hath of late ben a messenger from the sayde Elizabeth, sithen she was in ward in the towre of London for the sayde mooste false and traytrous offences, by her and her sayde complices committed and done (he then beinge at libertie) by his message hath comforted diuerse others to stand stiffely by her reuelations, that they were of god: Not withstanding that she had confessed al her said falsshed befoze diuers of the kynges counsaillours, and that they were manifestly proued, founde, and tryed mooste false and vnttrue: whiche thynge he dyd onely to rayse and put sedition and murmur in the people against the kynges highnes, his crowne and dignite royall. And one Thomas Ibell clerke being of the confederacy afoze sayde, and takynge suche firme and constante credit to the sayd false and feyned reuelations & myracles of the sayd nunne: not onely caused to be printed and sette forth in this realme dyuerse booke agaynst the sayd deuorice and separation: to the disclander of our sayd soueraygne lord, but also animated the sayde lady Catharine obstinately to persist in her wylfull opinion agaynst the same deuorice and separation: and after the sayde deuorice lawfully had, to vsurpe and take vpon her styl to be queene, & procured diuerse wrytinges to be made by her, by the name of quene: and also procured and abbetted the seruantes of the sayde lady Catharine agaynst the kynges expresse commaundment & proclamation, to name, calle, accepte, and repute the sayde lady Catharine for quene of this realme: to the intende to make a common diuision and rebellion in this realme, to the great peril and daunger of our sayd soueraygne lord.

¶ In consideration of all whiche premysse, and for as moche as the sayd false feyned and dissymuled hypocrisie, cloked sanctitie, reuelations, and feyned myracles, of the sayd Elizabeth is playnly confessed befoze the kynges mooste honorable counsaile by the sayde offenders, and hath ben set forth in this realme, not only to the blasphemy of almyghty god, whereby a gret multitude of people of this realme, were not only induced to ydolatre, but also brought in a murmur and grudge amonges them selves, to the great peryll of the destruction of our sayd soueraygne lord and his succession, and to the ieopardy of a great commocion, rebellion, and insurrection in this realme, to the vtter desolation therof, if by the goodnes of almyghty god, and by the great traouaile of the kynges hyghnes, and his nobles and counsaillours, by great serches and examinations, it had not ben reueled and knowen.

¶ Be it therfore enacted, by auctorite of this presente parlyamente, that the sayde Elizabeth Barton, Richarde Waller, Edward Bokkynge, John Werpynge, Hugh Riche, Richard Kysby, and Henry Golde, for theyr feuerall offences aboue rehearsed, by them recognised and confessed, shalbe conuicte and atteynted of hygh treason, and shal suffer such execution and

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peynes of deathe, as in cases of hyghe treason hath ben accustomed, and shall lose and forsaite to our sayde soueraygne lord and his heyres and successours for euer, all suche landes tenementes and hereditamentes, as they or any of them had of estate of inheritance, in vse, or possession at the xx. day of October last past, or any tyme sythen: and also al suche their goodes and catalles as they or any other to theyr vse had the .xvi. day of Januarye laste paste, or any tyme sythen. And that also all suche benefices and spirituall promotions, whiche the sayde Rycharde Maser, & Henry Golde or any of them had at the .xvi. day of January, or any tyme sythen, shall from the sayde .xvi. daye of Januarie be voyde as though the same Rycharde and Henry were deede of theyr naturall deathes. And that the said John bysshoppe of Rochester, Thomas Golde, Thomas Laurence, Edward Thwaytes, John Adeson, and Thomas Abell, for theyr sayd seuerall offences shalbe conuict and atteynted of mespision and conceplement of treason, as persons that haue gyuen such credit, counsayl, and constant beleue to the sayde principal offendours: wherby they haue taken courage and boldnes to commyt theyr sayd detestable treasons and offences. And that the said John bysshoppe of Rochester, Thomas Gold, Thomas Laurence, Edward Thwaytes, John Adeson, & Thomas Abell, for theyr sayd seuerall offences by them comytted, shal suffre imprisonment of their bodies at the kinges wil, & lose & forsaite to the kinges highnes al theyr goodes, catals, & dettis, which they or any persons to theyr vles, or by theyr deltuety had the sayde .xvi. daye of Januarie, or anye tyme sythen the sayde day. And that suche benefices and spirituall promotions, as the sayde John Adeson, and Thomas Abell, or any of them had the sayd .xvi. daye of Januarie, shal from the twenty day of Marche, the yere of our lord. M. D. XXXIII. be voyde in the lawe, by auctorite of this acte, as if the sayde John Adeson and Thomas Abell were deede of theyr naturall deathes.

¶ And be hit further enacted by auctozite aforesayde, that proclamation shalbe made vnder the kinges great seale in al shires, cities, boroughes, & townes corporate in this realme, as well within libertie as without, conteynyng the tenour of this acte, to the entente that the cloyed, false, and dissimulate offences of the offendours maye be knownen, and the people therby to take an example of dreade to offende in lyke cases hereafter, and that in euerye of the sayde proclamations shall also be added and contayned, that euerye suche person and persons, whiche hath in theyr custody and keepyng any bokes, scrolles, or writings, conteynyng any the false feined reuelatiōs & dissimuled miracles, of the said Elisab. or any of them, shal within .xl. daies nexte after suche proclamations bringe or cause to be broughte the said bokes, scrolles, & writings vnto the lord Chauncelloz of Englande, lord tresourer, lord president of the kynges most honorable counsaylle, & lord priue seale, or to one of them, vpon pain of imprisonment, & fine making to the king our souerain lord. And if any pson or psons after such pclamatiōs had & made according as is aboue said, knowingly

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and willingly do receyve and kepe anye suche booke, escroll, or wyrtyn-
ges, and cause thein not to be delivred accordyng to the tenour of the
sayde proclamation above rehersed: that then any person offendyng the
same, and being therof by due examination convicted befoze any of the kin-
ges counsaill, shall suffre imprisonment, and make fyne to the kinge, by the
discretion of the kinges counsaill, accordyng to the merites of his offence.

And albeit that a great nombze & multitude of other the kingis subiectis
of this realme as well spirituall as temporall, whose names be not above
specially mencioned, by theyr great negligences and folies, inclyned to
newefanglignes, haue spoken with the same Elizabeth and other her com-
plyces and conspiratours above specified, and haue hadde relation and
knowledge to them gyven in and vppon the fayned and false revelations
and myracles above rehersed, as well concernyng our sayde soueraygne
lorde as other wyse: and haue made conceilement therof, not utteryng the
same vnto the kinges magestie, nor to any his honorable counsaill, as to
the duties of true liege men aptereth in y^r behalfe, wherby they worthely
haue deserued to suffre suche punishment, paynes, and losses as persons
conceilyng treasons and other hygh offences to wchynge the honoure
and suretie of our sayd soueraygne lorde, owen of good reason equite and
lawe to do. **¶** YET neuer the les the kinges royal maiestie, at the hum-
ble suite and contemplation of his mooste dere, entiere, and welbeloued
wife queene Anne, of his mooste gracious benignitie is pleased and con-
tented, that it be enacted by auctoryte of this presente parliament, that all
and euery other his subiectes not above convicted, and attenyed by this
acte, shalbe released, acquitted, and clerely pardoned agaynst his highnes
his heires, and successours for ever, of and for all maner of conceylmen-
tes, offences, trespasses, communications, merspissions, contemptes, and
mysdemeanours, whiche they or anye of them befoze the .xx. daye of Oc-
tober laste past committed or dyd concernyng the sayd false and feyned
myracles and revelations of the sayde Elizabeth, or anye parte therof,
and of all circumstances and demenours touchyng the same, so that none
of his sayd subiectes, other than be above convicted by this acte, shal here-
after by any meanes be impeched, chalenged, or troubled by our sayde so-
ueraygne lorde, his heires, or successours concernyng the premisles or
any part or circumstance therof, but shalbe by this present acte pardoned
and released therof for ever.

An acte lymyttinge what nombze of shepe men shal kepe, occupie,
and haue in theyr owne possession at one tyme. Cap. xiii.



Ras moche as diuers and sondry persons of the kinges sub-
iectes of this realme, to whome god of his goodnes hath dis-
posed great plentie of mouable substance, nowe of late withyn
fewe yeres, haue dayly studied, practised, and inuented wayes
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and meanes howe they might accumulate and gather to gether into fewe handes as wel great multitude of fermes, as great plentie of cattall, and in especial shepe, putting suche landes as they can get, to pasture, and not to tillage: wherby they haue not onely pulled downe churches and towne, and inhaunted the olde ratis of the rentis of the possessions of this realme, or els brought it to suche excessiue fines, that no poore man is able to medle with it, but also haue reised and enhaunted the prices of all maner of come, cattall, wulle, piggis, geese, hennes, chekyns, egges, & suche other, almoste double aboue the prices, whiche haue ben accustomed: By reason wherof a meruaylous multitude and nombre of the people of this realme be not able to prouide meate, drinke, and clothes necessary for them selves, theyr wyfes and chyldren, but be so discouraged with miserie and pouertie, that they fall dayly to theft, robberie, and other inconuenience, or pitifully dye for hunger and cold. And as it is thought by the kynges most humble and lounge subiectes, one of the greatteste occasions, that moueth and prouoketh those greedy & couetous people so to accumulate & kepe in theyr handes suche great portions and parties of the groundes and landes of this realme from the occupieng of the poore husbnde menne, and so to vse it in pasture and not in tyllage, is onely the great profyte that cometh of shepe, whiche now be come in to a fewe persons handes of this realme in respecte of the holle nombre of the kynges subiectes, that somme haue xxiii. thousande, some. xx. thousande, some. x. thousande, some. vi. thousande, some. v. thousande, and some moze and some lesse, by the whiche, a good shepe for vittalle, that was accustomed to be solde for. ii. s. iiii. d. or. iiii. s. at the moste, is now solde for. vi. s. or. v. s. or. iiii. s. at the leeste: And a stone of clothynge wulle, that in some styre of this realme was accustomed to be solde for. xviii. d. or. xx. d. is now sold for. iiii. s. or. iiii. s. iiii. d. at the leste: & in som countreis, where it hath ben sold for. ii. s. iiii. d. or. ii. s. viii. d. or. iiii. s. at the most: it is now sold for. v. s. or. iiii. s. viii. d. the leste. And so arraished in euery part of this realme. whiche thynges thus vsed, be principally to the high displeasure of almyghty god, to the decay of the hospitalite of this realme, to the diminishyng of the kynges people, & to the let of the cloth makynge, wherby many poore people hath ben accustomed to be set on worke: and in conclusion, if remedy be not founde, it may turne to the vtter destruction and desolation of this realme, whiche god defende. It may therfore please the kinges highnes, of his moste gracious & godly disposition, and the lordes spirituall and tempozall of theyr goodnes and charitie, with the assent of the comons in this present parlyament assembled, to ordeyne and enacte, by auctorite of the same, that no personne nor persones frome the feast of saynt Michaell the archaungell, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lord god. M. D. XXXV. shall kepe, occupie, or haue in his possession in his owne propre landes, nor in the possession, landes, or groundes of any other, whiche he shall haue or occupie in ferme, nor otherwyle, haue of his owne propre cattall, in vse, possession,

of propertie by any maner of meanes, fraude, craft, or couyn, above the nombre of two thousande shepe at one tyme, within anye parte of this re-
 aume / of all sortes and kyndes, vppon payne to lose and forfayte, for euery
 shepe that any person or persones shall haue or kepe above the nombre li-
 mitted by this acte, iii.s. iiii.d. The one halfe to the kynge our souerayne
 lord, & the other halfe to such person, as wyl sue for the same, by original
 writte of dette, bylle, playnte, or information in anye court of recorde, in
 whiche suite the defendante shall not wage his lawe, nor haue any esoyne
 or protection allowed.

¶ Provided alwaye, that lambes shall not be accounted of the nombre
 of shepe prohibited by this acte, so long as they be vnder the age of a yere,
 and not above.

¶ Provided also, that if any person, hauinge shepe of his owne, happen
 to be made executour, or to be administratour to any pson, which had shepe
 at his deathe, or happen to be married to any person, whiche shal happen to
 haue shepe at the tyme of the marriage: by reason wherof the persone, so
 beinge executour or administratour, or beinge soo married, shall happen by
 suche meanes to be aduanfed, and haue above the sayde nombre of two
 thousande: that then in euery suche case, the person so aduanfed to lose no
 penalitie: for hauinge above the nombre of two thousande shepe by suche
 meanes, so that within one yere nexte after such aduanfement, the pson so
 aduanfed from tyme to tyme, as often as anye suche case shall happen, do
 put to sale, or otherwise dispose so many of the sayde shepe, soo to hym ad-
 uanfed, or els of his owne shepe, that he had before: so that above one yere
 he shall not kepe, haue, or occupie by anye suche meanes, or other wyse by
 anye fraude or couyn, any more nombre of them, then is before limited by
 this acte, vpon the payne before reherfed.

¶ Provided also, that if any person by his laste wyll and testament, gyfte
 to any chyld within age, any nombre of shepe, and appoynte them by his
 sayde wyll, to be kepte by his executours, or by anye other person, vnto su-
 che tyme as the sayde chyld shall come to a certayne aage, limited by his
 wyll: that then in euery suche case, after the deathe of the testatour, the said
 shepe so beinge in the possession and occupation of the executours, or of a-
 ny other persone, to the vse of anye suche chyld within age, for that tyme
 onely that the sayd chyld shall be within the age, that he shalbe limited to
 haue the sayde shepe, by the wyll of the testatour, shall not be accounted
 agaynste the sayde executours, nor any person so hauinge the sayde shepe,
 for the intente afoze sayde, anye of the nombre of the shepe prohibited
 by this acte: anye thyng in this acte to the contrarie therof not with-
 standyng.

¶ AND IT IS further enacted, that the Iustices of the peace of
 euery shere, shall haue power and auctorite to enquire of the offenders of
 this acte, as wel by the othes of twelue men, as by information of anye
 of the kynges subiectes: and to make suche lyke proces vpon euery present

ment or information concernynge this acte, as they vsen commonly to do vpon presentmentis befoze them of trespass: And that no person being conuicted by confession or otherwise, that he hath done or attempted contrary to this acte, shall be put to any lesse fine then after the ratis of the forfeitures afoze limited by this acte.

Prouided always that no persons shall be put to any answer or losse of any forfeiture by vertue of this act, at the suite of any the kinges subiectes, by any originall writ of dette, byll, playnt, or information: except the suite be comensed within one yere next after the offence done or committed contrary to this acte. And that any person shall be put to answer, nor to any losse of any forfeiture by vertue of this act, by reason of any presentment, action, or information at the kingis sute, except the sayd presentment, action, or information be had & made for the king within thre yeres next after the offence done or committed. **PROVIDED** alwey, that al & euery pson & persons, being the kinges temporal subiectis of this realme, & bozne vnder his obeysance, whiche at this present tyme, or at any time hereafter shall haue or be seised of inheritaunce in possession or in vse: or that now hath, or hereafter shall haue iuncture in vse or in possession: or be or shal be tenant in dower, or by the curtesie of Englande, of or in any manours, landes, tenementes, pastures, fedynge, or libertie of foldage within any parte of this realme of Englande, wales, or the marches or the same: that euery such person and persons, haupng any suche possession to his owne vse: And euery such person and persons, to whose vse any other person or persons now is / or be, or hereafter shalbe seised of any such estate as is befoze reherled, may at al times hereafter haue/enioy, kepe, & maynteyne vpon the same their owne demeyn landes, & al other theyr pastures, fedynge, & foldcurtes, whiche they so haue, as many theyr owne shepe and lambes in nombze to theyr propre vse, profite, & behoue, as they or any of them of right had, or lawfully might haue hadde and kepte vppon the same, or vppon any parte therof, at any tyme befoze the makynge of this present acte: This act, or any thinge therein conteyned or specified to the contrarye in any wyse not withstandynge.

And ouer that be it enacted by the auctozite afoze sayde, that in case any suche person or persones, haupnge any suche estate in vse or in possession of or in any maner landes, tenementes, pastures, fedynge, or liberties of fold courtis as is befoze expzessed, haue or do kepe vppon the same theyr possessions the nombze of two thousande shepe or aboue: the same person or persons so haupng the nombze of two thousand shepe or aboue, shal not in any wyse kepe, susteyne, or haue any shepe aboue or beside the sayde nombze of two thousande, vpon any londes, pastures, or fedynge, whiche the same persone or persones haue, or hereafter shall haue / or take on ferme, or o-ther wyse, vppon suche lyke pepnes and forfeitures for the same, as be limited in the sayde acte: that is to saye, for euery shepe ouer and aboue the sayd nombze of two thousande, thre shyllynge foure pence. And in case the sayde demeane landes, tenementes/ pastures, fedynge, and lyberties of fold-

of foldcourtes of any person or persons before rehearsed, suffice not for the fedynge, pasturynge, and keppynge of two thousande shepe, as is before sayd, that then every such pson shal or may have, susteyn, or fede vpon his said demaine landes, and vpon his ferme holdes, whiche he lawfully maye haue, to the said nombze of two thousande shepe, and not aboue, vpon prync of forsaiture for every shepe, aboue that nombze, iii.s.iii.d.

¶ Provided alway, and be it enacted, that it shall be lesul to every persone or persons within this realme, keepynge a householde, to haue from tyme to tyme such conuenient nombze of shepe, ouer & aboue the nombze expessed in this acte, as shalbe necessarie for the onely expenses of his householde, to be prouided, kepte, and fedde in and vpon his owne landes or other landes/ such as he lawfully can or may haue, or prouide for, on ferme or otherwise: Any thinge in this present acte contened to the contrarie notwithstanding. So that the same householder at no one tyme shall haue or kepe for the expenses of his household, or by colour of the same, ouer and aboue the nombze to hym limited by this acte, any nombze of shepe mo then shall suffice for the onely expences of his householde for one yere, without fraude or couyn, anye thinge in this presente acte mencioned or expessed to the contrarye notwithstanding.

¶ Be it also ferther enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that no maner person or psons/ of what degre so euer he or they be, being lord or lordes, owner or owners, fermier or fermiers, of or in any libertie or foldcourtes, within any towne, tythynge, village, or hamlette within any of the counties of Herts, folke and Suffolke, from and after the feast of the natiuite of our lord god nexte commynge, shall take in ferme for terme of yeres, or otherwyle, any quilletis of landes or pastures/ that is to say, any nombze of acres of lande or pasture, appertaynyng to any other persone or persones, lyenge and beinge within the lymytte, extente, or precincte of the sayde libertie of the sayde foldcourtes: but that they shall permytte and suffice the said persones, haupynge or being for the tyme owner or owners, lessee or lessees of the said quilletis, to manure and pasture the saide quilletis. And also to suffice the shepe of the saide owner or owners, fermier or fermiers of the sayde quillettes, after the rate of the same quillettes to go with the flocke of the owner, fermier, or occupier of the sayde libertie or liberties of the sayde foldcourtes, payenge the customarpe charges for the keppynge and fedynge of the same, after the rate and vse of the countrey there commonly vled, withoute any interruption therein to be made by the sayde owner or owners, fermier or fermiers or occupiers of the sayde liberties, vpon payne of forsaiture for euery tyme that anye suche personne / haupynge, anye suche quillet that shalbe so letted or disturbed of feeding, keppynge, or pasturynge any of his shepe so to be fedde and kepte after the rate of his sayde quillet, for euerye suche shepe thre shyllynge.iii.d.

¶ Provided alway that this acte or branch concorning quilletis, or any thing therein contened, shal not in any wise be auaylable to any tenant, owner or occupier

occupier of any suche quillet or quillettis, to clayme, haue or vse hereafter any suche pasture or fedynge of his shepe, in or with anye suche foldcourses, but onely where the tenauntes, owners, and occupiers of any suche quillettis haue had or mought haue had here to fore of right and dutie vbled to haue pasture and fedynge in the sayde foldcourses, by reason of theyr tenures and occupations of the same quillet or quillettes, and none other wyse. And where they haue not vbled, ne oughte to haue anye shepe fedde or kept within anye suche foldcourses, by reason of the sayde tenures, that the owners or occupiers of suche foldcourses may take suche quillettis, lyng within theyr foldcourses, in ferme, agreeinge with the owners or occupiers of the sayde quillettes for the same.

¶ And for as moche as the nombze of the .C. of shepe in euery countrey be not lyke, in some countrey the great .C. where .vi. score is accompted for the .C. and some countrey but onely .v. score: it is eft declared by this presente acte, that the numbze of two thousande shepe, limited to euery person by this acte, shalbe accompted .x. c. for euery thousande, after the numbze of the great hundred, and not after the lesse. c. so that euery thousande shal coneyne .xii. C. after the lesse numbze of the hundred.

¶ It is also further provided by the auctozite afoze said, that lammes vnder the age of one holle yere, & as moche as shalbe from the tyme of the fallynge of them vnto the feast of the natiuite of saynt Iohn Baptiste in any yere to come, shal not be adiudged ne taken for shepe prohibited by this estatute: any thyng in the acte to the contrarie not with standynge.

¶ It is also farther enacted by auctozite afoze sayd, that no maner person, after the sayd feast of the natiuite of our lord, shal receyue or take on ferme for terme of lyfe, yerres, or at wyll by indenture, copy of court rolle, or other wyse, any mo houses & tenementes of hus bandrye, wher vnto anye landes are belongynge, in towne, village, hamlet, or tythynge within this realme, aboue the numbze of two such holdes or tenementes. And that no maner person shal haue or occupie anye suche holdes, so newly taken to the numbze of two, as is befoze expressed, excepte he or they be dwellynge within the same parishes, where such holdes be: vpon the peine of forfaiture for euery weke, that he or they shal haue, occupie, or take anye profitis of such holdes contrarie to this act. iii. s. iiii. d. The one moitie of whiche forfaiture to be to the kynge our soueraygne lord, and the other moitie to the partie that will sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes, by bylle, playnte, information, or other wyse within one yere nexte after suche contempte and offence committed & doone, in the whiche none essoene, protection, ne wager of lawe shal be admitted or allowed.

¶ It is also farther enacted by auctozitie afoze sayde, that the statutes made the .iiii. yere of the noble prince kynge Henry the .vii. and in the .vii. yere of the reygne of our soueraygne lord the kynge that nowe is, concernynge the decaye of townes, and mayntenaunce of tillage and husbandry, shalbe good and effectuell in euery thyng accordynge to the true purpore and intent of the same, any thing in this present acte to the contrarye

notwithstanding. And it is ordained also that it may be lawful to all spirituall persones and every of them / to kepe suche and as many shepe vpon theyr owne landes, and after suche forme and maner and none otherwile, as they moughte haue done afore the makinge of this acte: any thyng mentioned in the same to the contrary notwithstanding.

An acte for punishmente of heresie. Ca. xliii.



In a moste humble wise lamentable sheweth vnto your highnes your most humble loving & obedient subiectes, the commons of this your realme, that where the Clergie of the same, in the seconde yere of kyng Henry the .iii. one of your mooste noble progenytours, vpon theyr suggestion byd impetrate and opteyne, by auctorite of parliament, holden in the sayde seconde yere: that it shulde be lesull for every ordinarie to conuent, areste, and imprison any person or persons; whome they thought defamed or suspecte of heresie, and them to kepe in theyr prisons till they were purged therof, or abiured, or committed to late power to be burned after the determination of the holy church & canonikall sanctions, as in an acte made at the parlyamente holden in the saide seconde yere of kyng Henry the .iii. emonges other thynges more at large dothe appere: for as moche as the sayde acte dothe not in any parte therof declare anye certayne cases of heresie contrarie to the determination of holy scripture, or the canonikall sanctions therein expressed / whereby your most louinge & obedient subiectes moughte be lerned to excheue the daungers and paynes in the sayd acte comprised, and to abhorre and detest that foule & detestable crime of heresie: And also because those wordes Canonikall sanctions, & such other lyke cōteyned in the sayde acte, are so general, that euery the most expert & best lerned man of this your realme, diligently lieng in wayte vpon him selfe, can eschewe and auoyde the penaltie & daunger of the same act & canonikall sanctions, if he shuld be examined vpon such captious interrogatories, as is & hath ben accustomed to be ministered by the ordinaries of this realme, in cases where they wyl suspecte any person or persones of heresie. And ouer this for as moche as it standeth not with the right order of Justice nor good equite, that any persone shulde be conuict, & put to the losse of his lyfe, good name, or goodes, onles it were by due accusatio & witness, or by presētment, herdict, cōfessio, or pees of outlawrie: & also by the lawes of your realme, for tresons comitted to the peril of your most roial magestie, vpon whose suretie dependeth the hole welth of this realme, no pson can ne may be put to deth but by presētment, herdict, cōfessio, or pees of outlawrie, as is afore said. wherfore it is not reasonable, that any ordinarie by any suspicion conceiued of his owne fantasie, without due accusatio or pēsētment, shuld put any subiect of this realme in the infamie & scandal of heresie, to the pil of life, losse of name & goodes. And y also there be ma

ny heresies and peines and punishmentes, for heresies declared & ordeyned in & by the said canonical sanctions, & by the lawes and ordynances made by the Popes or byshoppes of Rome, and by theyr auctorities, for holdinge, doyng, preachinge, or spekyng of thinges contrarie to the sayde canonical sanctions, lawes, and ordynances, whiche be but humayne, beinge mere repugnaunte and contrarious to the prerogative of your imperiall crowne, regall iurisdiction, lawes, statutes, and ordynances of this your realme: By reason wherof your people of the same, for obscurynge, maynteynyng, defendyng, and due executyng of your sayde lawes, statutes and prerogative royalle, by auctorite of that acte, made in the sayde seconde yere of kyng Henry the.iii. may be broughte into schlander of heresie / to theyr great infamie and daungier, and peryll of theyr liues.

In consideration wherof it maye please your highnes, by the assente of your lordes spirituall and temporall, and the comons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, to adnull, abrogate, frustrate, and make voyde the said acte, made in the said seconde yere of kyng Henry the.iii. and every thyng therein conteyned. And neuerthe lesse for as moche as the moste foule and detestable crime of heresie, shulde not hereafter growe and increace, but vetyerly be abhoyred, detested, and eradicate, ne that any heretikes shuld be fauored, but that they shuld haue condigne & sufficient punishment. And for the repress of heretikes, and such erroneous opinions in tyme comyng, be it establisshed, ordeyned, and enacted, by the auctorite of this presente parlyamente, that the statute made in the fyfthe yere of your noble progenitour kyng Rycharde the seconde, and the statute made in the seconde yere of kyng Henry the. v. concernyng punishment and reformation of heretikes and iollardes, and every prouision therein conteyned, not beinge repugnant to this acte: shalbe and stande in their force, strength, and effecte. Provided always, and be it enacted for speedy presentment to be had of heresies, that suche person & persones, as haue in vse or in possession to their owne vse, in fee simple, fee taile, for terme of their owne lyues, or of any other persons lyfe, lordes & tenementes, to the cleere yerely value of xl.s. shalbe enpauented, and haue power and auctorite to inquire and present heresies: And that every presentment made by suche persons shalbe as good and effectuali and be put in execution to all intentes, in like maner and fourme as yf every the presentours had had lordes and tenementes, to the yerely value of a hundred shyllynges, accordyng to the tenour of the sayd acte of kyng Henry the. v. any thyng in the sayd acte to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

Provided also and be it enacted by auctorite afoze sayd, that shreffes in their turnes, and all other haupunge turnes, and stewardes in theyr letes, rapes, and wapentackes, shall haue power and auctorite to inquire of heretikes lyke as they inquire of common anoyssances, and that every presentment made in any turne, leete, rape, or wapentacke concernyng heresies, shalbe certifyed to the ordinarie in suche maner and fourme as present-

sentmentes afore any Justice assigned by the sayde acte of kyng Henry the. v. are lymyted and apoynted by the same act to be certified: And lyke p[ro]ces shalbe had, made, and executed, vppon every suche p[re]sentment to be made in any tyme, letz, rape, or wapentake as is lymyted in the said acte of kyng Henry the. v. vppon p[re]sentmentes taken afore the Justices assigned by the same acte to inquire of heresies.

Counded alway and be it enacted, that no maner of licence or auctorite, or other thinge or thinges be hereafter had or obtayned of the byshop of Rome, otherwise called the Pope, to preache in any part of this realme, or to do any thyng in the same, contrarie to the lawes and statutes of this realme, or the kynges prerogative royall, vpon the paynes lymyted in the said lawes and statutes of this realme: any thing conteyned in the preamble of the said statute of kyng Richard the second, or in any the statutes befoze reherfed, or in any statutes of this realme to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that every persone and persons being p[re]sented or indicted of any heresie, or duly accused or detected therof by two lawfull witnesses at the leest, to any ordinarie of this realme, haueinge power to examine heresies, shal and may after euerye suche accusation or p[re]sentment, a none otherwise, nor by any other menes be cited, conuicted, attested, taken / or apprehended by any the sayd ordinaries or anye other the kynges ministers and subiectes who soo euer. And after they shalbe so taken and apprehended, shalbe committed to the ordinaries to answer in open court and in an open place to their suche accusation and p[re]sentmentes. And if they shal happen to be lawfully conuict of the heresie, wherof they are so accused or p[re]sented: that then they shal abiure, if they wyl refuse and renounce theyr sayde heresies / wherof they shalbe so accused or p[re]sented, as is aforesaid, and do suche reasonable penance for their offences, as shal be lymyted by the discretion of the sayd ordinaries. And if they after their lawfull conuiction, refuse to abiure, or after abjuratioun fall in relapse, and be duly accused or p[re]sented, and conuict thereof, as is aforesayde: that then in suche cases they shalbe committed to lay power, to be burned in open places for example of other, as hath bene accustomed, the kynges wytte, *De heretico comburendo*, first had and obtayned for the same.

And where the great nombre of the kynges subiectes, haueinge lptelle or no lernynge nor knowlege of letters, haue ben put in opinion, that by byp[ro]uers lawes, decrees, ordinaunces, and constitutions heretofore made by the byshop of Rome, called the pope, and his p[re]decessours, or by their auctorites for the aduancement of theyr worldly glorie and ambition, euerye man / that in any thyng speketh or dothe agaynst the sayd pretended power, or auctorite of the same byshop of Rome, or any the said lawes, decrees, ordinaunces and constitutions, standeth in danger, and is impecheable of heresie: whiche effecte or matter, nor any suche lawes, decrees, ordinaunces, or

stitutions, not approued and confirmed by holy scripture, was neuer commonly accepted or confirmed to be any lawe of god or man within this realme. wherefore be it enacted and ordeyned by auctoritie of this presente parliament, that no maner spekyng, doynge, communication, or holdynge agaynste the sayde bysshoppe of Rome, or his pretended power or auctorite, made or gauen by humayne lawes or policies, and not by holy scripture: nor any speakynge doynge communication or holdynge agaynste any lawes, called spiritual lawes, made by auctorite of the se of Rome, by the policie of men, whiche be repugnant, or contrariant to the lawes and statutes of this realme, or the kynges prerogatiue royall: shalbe demed, reputed, accepted, or taken to be heresie. And that any subiect or resiant of this realme shalbe for any suche spekyng, doynge, communication, or holdynge, impeched, beryed or troubled for any poynte or matter of the sayde detestable crime of heresie: any what so ever canon lawes, decrees, ordinances, constitutions, or other thynge hereto fore made / or bringe, or hereafter to be made to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

¶ Provided alway that suche person and persons / as shall happen to be accused, presented, or indited of heresie, as is afoze limited by this acte, shal and may be letten to bayle by the ordinaries by theyr discretions, or els in theyr defaute, if they refuse so to do, then by the discretion of two Justices of peace of that shire / where such persons so accused or presented, shall inhabit / by. iiii. sufficient sureties to be bounden to the kynges vse by obligation or recognisance to appere befoze the ordinaries at suche dayes, tymes, and places, as shalbe limpytted in the sayde bondes by the sayde ordinaries, or in theyr defautes, by the sayde two Justices: excepte the ordinarie can and do declare vnto the kynges highnes, and to his counsaile, a reasonable cause, that the sayd person or persons so accused or presented of heresie, shuld not be let to bayle, as is afoze limited.

¶ In acte concernynge printers and bynders of bokes. Ca. xv.



Here as by the prouision of a statute made in the first yere of the reigne of kyng Richard the thyrde, it was prouided in the same acte, that all straungers repayrynge into this realme, myght lausfully bringe in to the sayde realme printed and witten bokes to selle at theyr libertie & pleasure. By force of whiche prouision there hath comen in to this realme sithen the makynge of the same, a maruelous nombze of printed bokes and dayly doth. And the cause of the makynge of the same prouision semeth to be, for that there were but fewe bokes & fewe printers within this realme at that tyme, whiche coude wel exercise and occupie the sayde science and craft of printynge: Neuer the lesse / sithen the makynge of the sayd prouision / manye of this realme, beinge the kynges naturall subiectes, haue gauen them so diligently to lerne and exercise the sayd

sayde crafte of p̄intynge, that at this daye there be within this realme a great nombze counnyng and experte in the said science oꝛ craft of p̄inting, as able to exercise the sayde crafte in all poyntes, as any straunger in anye other realme oꝛ contray. And farther moze where there be a greate nombze of the kynges subiectes within this realme, whiche lyue by the crafte & mistery of byndynge of boke, and that there be a great multitude well experte in the same: yett all this notwithstandinge there are dyuers persons, that bynne from beyonde the see greate plentie of p̄inted boke, not onely in the latyne tonge, but also in our maternall englishe tonge, some bounde in bozdes, some in lether, and some in parchement, and them selle by retaple, wherby many of the kynges subiectes, beinge bynders of boke, & hauinge none other facultie wherwith to gette theyꝝ lyuinge, be destitute of worke, and lyke to be vndone: except some reformation herin be had. Be it therfore enacted by the kyng our souerayne lord, the lordis spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this p̄sent parlyament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that the sayd p̄rouis, made the fyrst yere of the sayd kyng Richard the thirde, from the feaste of the natiuite of our lord god nexte comynge, shalbe voyde and of none effecte.

¶ And further be it enacted, by the auctorite afoze sayde, that no person oꝛ persons, resiant oꝛ inhabitant within this realme, after the said feaste of Christmas next comynge, shal bie to sel ageyne any p̄inted boke brought fro any parties out of the kynges obeyssance, redye bounden in bozdes, lether, oꝛ parchement, bypon perne to lose and forsayte for euery boke bounde oute of the sayde kynges obeyssance, and brought in to this realme, and bought by any person oꝛ persons within the same to selle ageyne, contrarie to this act, fyve shyllinges eyght pence.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite afoze sayd/ that no persone oꝛ persones inhabitant oꝛ resiant within this realme, after the sayde feaste of Christmas, shal bye within this realme, of any straunger, bozne out of the kynges obediensce other then of denizens, any maner of p̄inted boke, brought from any the parties beyonde the see, except onely by engroze & not by retaple: vpon paine of forsayture of. vi. s. viii. d. for euery boke so bought by retaple, contrarie to the fourme & effect of this estatute, the sayd forsaytures to be alwayes leuied of the byers of anye suche boke, contrarie to this act: The one halfe of al the sayd forsaytures to be to the vse of our souerayne lord the kyng, and the other moytie to be to the partie that wyl lease oꝛ sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes, be it by byl, playnt, oꝛ information, wherin the defendante shal not be admitted to wage his lawe, noꝛ no p̄tection, ne essoen shalbe vnto hym allowed.

¶ Prouided alwaye and be it enacted by the auctorite befoze sayde, that if any of the sayde p̄inters oꝛ sellers of p̄inted boke, inhabited within this realme at any time here after happen in such wyse to enhance and encrease the p̄ices of anye suche p̄inted boke in sale oꝛ byndynge, at to highe and vnreasonable p̄ices, in suche wyse as complaynte be made therto vnto the kynges

kynges highnes, oꝛ vnto the loꝛde chauncellour, loꝛde treasurer, oꝛ any of the chiefe Iustices of the one benche oꝛ of the other: that then the same loꝛd chauncellour loꝛde Treasurer, & ii. chiefe Iustices, oꝛ two of any of them shall haue power and auctoꝛite to enquire therof as welle by the othes of xii. honeste and discrete persones, as other wyse by due examination, by theyꝝ discretions. And after the same enhaunsynge and encreasynge of the sayde pꝛices of the sayde boke and byndynge shall be soo founde by the sayde. xii. men, oꝛ other wyse by examination of the sayde loꝛde chauncellour, loꝛd treasurer, and Iustices, oꝛ two of them: that then the same loꝛd chauncellour, loꝛde treasurer, and Iustices, oꝛ two of theym at the leste, from tyme to tyme, shall haue power and auctoꝛite to refoꝛme and redꝛesse suche enhaunsynge of the pꝛices of pꝛynted boke, from tyme to tyme by theyꝝ discretions, and to lymytte pꝛices as welle of the boke as foꝛ the byndynge of them: & ouer that the offender oꝛ offenders therof, being conuicte by the examination of the same loꝛde chauncellour, loꝛde treasurer, & two Iustices, oꝛ two of them, oꝛ other wyse, shal lose and foꝛfayte, foꝛ euery boke by them solde, wherof the pꝛice shalbe inhaunsed, foꝛ the boke oꝛ byndynge therof. iii.s.iiii.d. The one halfe therof shalbe to the kynges highnes, & the other halfe vnto the parties greued, that wyl complayne vpon the same, in maner and foꝛme befoꝛe reherfed.

AS An acte that euerye iudge of the highe courtes and certayne other, maye haue one chaplayne beneficed with cure.

Capitulo. xvi.



Here in the parliamente holden at westmynster in the xxi. yere of the reygne of our souerayne loꝛde kyng Henry the. viii. it was amonges other thynges ordeyned and pꝛouided, that certayne honorable persons, as well spiritituall as temporall, shall haue chaplaynes beneficed with cure, to serue them in theyꝝ honorable houses, whiche chaplaynes shall not incurre the daunger of any penalte oꝛ foꝛfapture, made oꝛ declared in the same parliamente foꝛ none residence vpon theyꝝ said benefices, oꝛ foꝛ obtaining licences foꝛ dispensations of pluralites. In the whiche acte no pꝛouision was made foꝛ anye of the kynges iudges of his highe courtes, commonly called the kynges benche and the common place, excepte onely foꝛ the chiefe iudge of the kynges benche, noꝛ foꝛ the chauncellour, noꝛ the chiefe baron of the kynges exchequer, noꝛ foꝛ any other inferiour persones, beyng of the kynges mooste honorable counsaile, as by the sayde acte maye appere. Wherfoꝛe hit is ordeyned and enacted by auctoꝛite of this presente parlyamente, that as well euerye iudge of the sayde highte courtis and euerye of the chauncellour and chiefe baron of the sayd eschequire, the kynges general attorney, and generalle Solicitour, whiche foꝛ the tyme is, be, oꝛ shalbe, shall and may

may from hensforth at his libertie reterne and haue singularly to euery of them in his house, or attendant to his persone, one chaplayne, hauyng one benefice with cure of soules, whiche may be absent from his sayde benefice, and not resident vpon the same: The sayde statute made in the said xxi. yere, or any other statute, acte, or ordynance made to the contrarie, in any wyse not withstandyng.

An act concernyng shotyng in crof bowes & handgonnes. Ca. xviij.



Where before this tyme diuers and sondry good statutes and prouisions haue ben made and ordeyned for the auoydnyng and eschewing of shotyng in crof bowes and hand gounnes: whiche saide holsome statutis and prouisions not withstandyng many wylfull and light disposed persons frome tyme to tyme haue attempted the breche or violation of the same statutis.

In consideration wherof be it enacted, ordeyned, and establyshed, by the auctorite of this present parliament, that no person or persons, of what estate or degree he or they be: excepte he or they in theyr owne righte, or in the righte of his or theyr wyfes, to his or theyr owne vses, or any oher to the vse of any suche person or persons haue londes, tenementis, fees, annuities, or offices to the yerely value of an hundred poundes, from the fyrst day of June next comyng, shall shote in any handegounne or crossebowe, or vse or kepe in his or their houses, or els where, any crossebowe or handgounne, vpon payne to forsaite for euery tyme that he or they so offende, contrarie to this acte. x. li. And that it shalbe lefull to euery persone, that may vse and kepe any crossebowe or handegounne, or that maye shote in the same (not withstanding this acte) to seyse and take euery suche crossebowe and handgunne or any of them, frome the keepyng or possession of euery suche offender, and the same to kepe or reterne to his or theyr owne vse.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that no lordes or owners of any leetis, beare or maynteyne any of theyr tenantis or seruantis within the precincte or iurisdiction of theyr leetis, to do or offende contrarie to this acte, vpon payne to forsaite for euery tyme so offendyng. x. li. The one moitie of all the same forsaitures to be to the kinges highnes, his heyres or successours, and the other moitie to the partie that woll pursue for the same, by byll playnt, action of dette, or information in any of the kinges courtes, in whiche sute no essoen or protection shalbe allowed, nor the defendand receyued to wage his lawe.

Be it also further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that it shalbe lefull to the Justices of peace in their sessions, and to al shewardes and baylyes in theyr seuerall leetes, to inquire, here, and determyne euery suche offence hereafter to be committed or done contrarie to the fourme of this estatute: so that alway no lesse fyne then. x. li. be assessed vpon euery suche presentment and conuiction accordyng to the due course of the lawe.

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The same fyne so by the Justices of peace, vppon euery presentemente or conuiction made befoze them, to be payde and leuied onely to the kynges vse. And the moyste of euery fine to be assessed by the stewardes or bailiues of euery leete vpon euery presentement and conuiction befoze theym to be made, to be payed and leuied to the vse of the owner of the same leete by distres or action of dette: and the other moyste of the same fine to be to the partie, that wol pursue for the same in any of the kynges courtes, by bil, playnte, information or action of dette, in whiche no essoen nor protection shalbe allowed, nor the defendant shalbe receiued to the wager of his lawe. ¶ Provided alwaye, if that any offender contrary to the forme of this estatute by any maner of processe or meane fyyste ageynst him conceyued or presented shalbe compelled or constrayned to pay or content any suche forsayture or penaltie, as is aforesayde, for his sayde offence, contrary to this acte: that then euery suche offender, after payemente or satisfaccion made therof, shalbe clerely acquitted and discharged ageynste euery other person for the same forsayture or penaltie in euery suite, processe, or presentement ageynst hym to be pursued for the recouerie of the sayde penaltie.

¶ Be it also ferther enacted by the auctozite afoze sayde, that all licences, letters, placardes, gauen or graunted, or here after befoze the sayde fyyste day of June nexte commynge to be gauen, had / or graunted to any person or persones by the kynges highenes, for the shotyng in crossebowes or handgunnes, or for the vsynge or keepynge of the same, contrary to the forme of this acte, shalbe vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

¶ Be it also further enacted by the auctozite afoze sayd / that al former statutes made and provided of and for auoydynge and restraynte of shotyng in crossebowes or handgunnes, or of and for any of them, or for the vsynge & keepynge of the same, be from hencefozth vtterly voyde, and of none effect.

¶ Provided alwaye, that euery prosesse, suite, or information, conceyued, commenced, and now dependynge for any offence done contrary to the forme of any estatute made or provided for the shotyng in crosse bowes and hangūnes not repelled, and for the keepynge of the same, shalbe good & effectual to the parties that haue commenced the same, in suche forme, effecte, degree, or condicion, as if this acte had neuer ben made.

¶ Provided alway / that this act, or any thynge therein conteyned, be not in any wyse hurtful or prejudicial to any person or persons now beinge, that here after shalbe appointed by the kynges highnes to kepe, receyue, or take any crosse bowes, or handgūnes, that shalbe forsayte, or taken within the precincte or libertie of the kynges forrestes, parkes, or chases: but he or they may lawfully kepe & reteyne the same crossebowes or handgūnes from tyme to tyme, vnto such tyme as the further pleasure of the kynges highnes in that behalfe be to euery suche person shewed and declared.

¶ Provided alway, that this act extende not to the makers of crossebowes or handgunnes: but that they maye lawfully kepe crossebowes and handgunnes in theyr houses: and shote in crossebowes or handgunnes onely for

for prouinge and allayenge of them.

¶ It is provided alwayes that in all walled towncs within seven myles of the see, and other towncs or holdes standynge vpon the see coastis, or vpon any of the englishe marches for agaynste Scotlande, it shall be lefull to euery man dwellynge in such towncs or holdes to kepe in theyr houses, beyng within the same towncs or holdes, crossbowes and handgunnes, for the onely defence of the sayde towncs, holdes, & houses, & as well to exercise & vse them in & for the defence of the sayd towncs & houses, being in the same towncs, as for to carie them to theyr shippes, there to kepe & exercise them for defence of theyr shippes, and for their goodes in the same shippes, and for none other cause: any thyng compulled or expulled in this present acte to the contrarie not withstandinge.

¶ It is provided also, that if any person or persones hereafter in any parte do offende, or do contrary to the puruewe & remedie of this act, wherupon there is cause of action for the same gyven to the kyng, his heires or successors, or to any other person or persons that woll sue by vertue of this act, for the punishment of the sayd offence or forsaithis: that if the kyng our soueraine lord, his heires, or successors, within one yere next immediately after such offences and forsaithes had and made, do not pursue theyr action or actions so gyven by this sayde acte or cause of examination vpon suche defaultes and offences to be had & made before theyr counsaile, or other presentmentis therof to be had according to the meanyng of the same act. And euery other person, which hereafter may haue action or actions vpon this statute with in halfe a yere nexte and immediately after suche offences and forsaithes had & made, do nat commence theyr suites, information, or presentmentis, of and vpon the sayd forsaithes, by action or otherwise, as of & vpon suche forsaithes as be declared & expulled in this present acte: that then as well the king our souerain lord, his heires & successors, after one yere next after such offences & forsaithes had & made, if none sute in his or theyr name be take by actio or otherwise, as is before expulled, before the same yere ended & determined, as euery other pson after halfe a yere next after like offences & forsaithes had & made in forme afoze said, if none suite therevpon be take by none of them in forme aboue declaced, be verely excluded & barred of theire said suites, actions, & examinations to them gyven by vertue of this said act. And the parties & euery of them so off.ding, be of al such offences & forsaithis clerely discharged & quite, any thing in this act compulled to the contrarie not withstandinge, and as thought this acte had neuer ben had nor made.

¶ It is provided also by this act or any thing therein cōteined extend not or be sūdicial to any marchātes, the which haue or shal haue any crossbowes or handgunnes to sel within this realme, & to none other vse. It is provided alwaye by no maner of pson renne in any daunger, or take hurt by reason of any penalite or forsaithure cōteined in this act, til such tyme as pclamation be made of the same act: nor by the space of .xx. daies next after the said pclamation be made within the counaile, where the parties by shal or may off.d cōtrarie to this act, whellich. It is provided also by if any maner of pson bying or cause to be brought

with hym into his lodging, or into any other mans house, any crossebowe or handgunne: that then the penalitie and forsayture, if any such be, or here after shalbe forsayted by reason of this acte, to renne and be only vpon the bringer of the said crossebowe and handgunne, and not to the owner of the same lodging or house, if the said owner of the said lodging cause the bringer therof to take and receaue away the sayde crossebowe or handgunne ageyne with hym at his departinge: any thyng in this acte made to the contrarie not withstandinge.

Provided alwaye, that this acte concernynge crossebowes and handgunnes, ne any thyng therein conteyned, extende or in any wise be hurtfull to any person or persons, to whom it shal please the kynge our souerayne lord, his heires, or successours to grue licence by his letters patentis vnder his great seale, to shote in crossebowes or handgunnes, or in euery of them: or to haue and kepe the same crossebowes and handgunnes in his or their houses for the defence of the same.

Be it also enacted by the auctoritie of this present parlyament, that if any person or persons hereafter from the first day of June next coming, se or fynde any person or persons offendynge or doing contrarie to the forme and effecte of this acte, that then it shalbe lefull to euery suche persone or persones, perceyvinge, fyndinge, or seinge any suche person or persons so offendynge contrarie to the forme of this acte, to arrest and attache euery such offender or offenders, and to bringe or conuey the same offender or offenders, to the nexte Justice of the peace of the same countie, where the sayde offender or offenders shal be founde so offendynge. And that the same Justice of peace vpon a betwe examination and proue therof before him hadde or made by his discretion, shal haue full power and auctoritie to sende or comytte the same offender or offenders to the next gaole, there to remayne tyll suche tyme as the said penalitie or forsayture shalbe truly contented & payde by the said offender. The one moitie of the same penalitie to be paid to the kinges highnes, & the other moitie therof to the first bringer or conueyer of the sayd offender to the same Justice of peace.

Provided alway, that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned, be not in any wise hurtfull, or prejudicial to any seruant or person, that hereafter from the said first day of June, shal bende, bere, vse, or assay any crossebowe or handgunne, by the commaundement of his lord or mayster, so that the saide seruant or persone do not shote at any fowle, dere, or other game, what kynde or nature so euer they be, nor also to any such seruant, persone or persons, that shal after the sayde first day of June, beare or conuey any crossebowe or handgunne, to any place or places by the commaundement of his lord or mayster, that may shote by the auctoritie of this act, so that the sayd seruāt or other pson, so bringeing or conueying the said crossebowe or handgunne, haue redy to shewe to euery persone requiring the sight therof, one licence in wryting sealed or subscribed by his said lord or maisters hande, to carie and conuey the same crossebowe or hand

handgonne, to the intent to be amended, repaired, or assayed, as is also said. **P**rovided also that this acte, nor any thing therein conteyned, be hurtfull or prejudiciall to any gunniers, beinge in the kynges wages, onely for shopynge in handgonnes, beerynge or kepyng of the same handgonnes in theyr houses: So alwayes that they with the same doo not shote vnto any beaust or foule vpon the peynes before expessed.

Provided alway that it shal be lausful for the inhabytantes of the countreis of Northumberlande, Duresme, Westmerlande, and Comberlande to kepe in their houses crossebowes and handgonnes, & shote in the same for defence of their persons, goodes, and houses agaynst theues, scottis, and other the kynges ennemies, and for cleansing & scouryng of the same onely, and for none other pourpose: This acte or any thyng comprised within the same notwithstandinge.

An acte concernyng clotheares, or makers of wollen clothes within the shere of woicester. Ca. xviii.

Shebeth vnto the kynge our souerayne lord, and to the lordes spirituall and temporal, & to the commons in this present parlyament assembled, the citezens, burgeises, & inhabytantes of the cite of woicester, and of the towne of Ewelham, Droitwiche, Rederminster, & Bromisgroue within the countie of woicester, that where the sayde cite, boroughes, and towne haue ben in tymes paste well & substantially inhabited, occupied, maintained, and vpholden by reason of making of wollen clothes, called longe clothes, shorte clothes, & other clothes as well whites, blewes, and browne blewes: and the poore people of the same cite, boroughes, and towne/and of the countray adioynynge to them dayly sette a worke, as in spinnyng, cardinge, breakyng, and sortyng of wolles: and the handy craftes there inhabityng, as weauers, fullers, shere-mē, & diers, haue be wel set a worke, & had sufficiēt liuing by the same: vntil now within fewe yeres passed, that diuers psons inhabiting & dwelling in the handlettis, thropes, & villages, adioyning to the said cite, boroughes, & towne, within the said shere for their priuat welthis, singular advantages, & comodities, nothing regarding the maintenance & vpholding of the saide cite, boroughes, & towne, ne the cōmō welth of the said handy craftis, inhabiting & dwelling within the said cite, boroughes, & towne, ne p poore people, which had lyuing by the same, haue not only ingrosed & take in to theyr handes diuers & sondry fermes, & become fermers, grasiers, and husbandmen, but also do exercise, vse, & occupie the misteries of clothyng-making, weuing, fullinge, & sheryng within their said houses, & do make al maner of clothes, as well brode clothes, whites, & plaine clothes within their said houses, i the countreis abrode, to the gret decay, depopulatio, & ruine of the said cite, towne & boroughes. For remedy wherof, & for p amētemēt, good aduācemēt of p saide cite, boroughes & towne, be it enacted by auctoritie of this pēt parliamēt, that after the last day of September, whiche shalbe

in the pere of our lord god . M . D . XXXVI. no maner persons ne person, of what degree or conditions so euer he or they be of, shal make or cause to be made within the saide shyre of Worcester any maner of wollen clothes to be solde, excepte onely suche persons or person, as after the said last day of September, shalbe dwelling & inhabityng within the said cite of Worcester, the boroughes, & townes of Evesham, Droitwiche, Kedermynstre, & Bromisgroue within the said countie of Worcester, or in any one of thein, vpon peyn of forfaiture, for euery such brode cloth made after the sayd day by any person or persons, contrarie to the true menyng of this act. xl. s.

And ferther it is provided by auctoritie aforesayde, that the lordes and owners of the meses, tenementes, or cotages within the sayd cite, or any of the townes and boroughes aforesayd, shal at no tyme hereafter dymitte sette, or let any mese, tenement, or cotage sufficiently repaired within the said cite, boroughes, or townes before limited to any person or persons, that hereafter shal inhabite in the said cite, boroughes or townes, and exercysynge any of the said misteries or craftes, at any higher rent, imposition, or charge, then was gyuen for the same at any tyme within. xx. yeres next before the makynge of this acte onely excepte.

Provided alway, that this acte be not hurtfull ne prejudiciall to any persone or personnes for makynge any clothes for theyr owne wearynge, theyr chylderne, or seruantis wearynge.

Also provided, that in the said cite and euery towne and borough aforesaid, there shalbe due serche made of euery suche clothe before saide, there made, & that they be meated both length and bryde, being wette from the myll, & before they be set vpon the racke and dried: and that they shalbe sealed with the seale of the sercher of the same cite, towne, or borough: whiche seale shal haue a stampe conteynyng the true nombres for the length and bryde of the same clothe bringe wette: in peyne of forfaitynge for euery clothe put to sale, not hauynge the saide seale of the sercher. xx. s. And the sealer to forfaitte for euery clothe, by hym serched and sealed contrarie to the true menyng of this act. vi. s. viii. d. The one halfe of the said forfaittis to be to the kynge our souerayn lord, & the other halfe to the ptie that wyll sue for the same in any of the kinges courtis, by writ of dette, byll, playnt, or information, in whiche actions or action, the defendantes or defendant shal not wage their law, ne any essoer or ptection shalbe allowed: And the sercher shal haue for the serchig & seling of euery cloth a peny, & not aboue.

An acte concernynge the submission of the clergie to the kinges maiestie. Cap. xix.



Where the kingis humble and obedient subiectis, the clergie of this realme of England, haue not only knowleged according to the truth, that the Couocatiōs of the same clergie, is alwaies hath ben & ought to be assembled only by the kinges

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also submitting the selves to the kynges maiestie, haue promised in *uerbo sacra-
dotij*, & they wol neuer from hensforth presume to accept, allege, claim, or put
in bre, or enact, promulge, or execute any new canons, constitutions, or dinace
prouinciall, or other, or by what so euer other name they shalbe called in
the Conuocation, oneles the kynges moste royall assente and licence maye
to them be had, to make, promulge, and execute the same: and that his ma-
iestie do gyue his moste royal assent & auctorite in that behalfe. And where
dyuers constitutions, or denaunce, and canons prouinciall or Synodal,
whiche here to fore haue ben enacted, and be thought not onelye to be mo-
che prejudiciall to the kynges prerogative royall, and repugnante to the
lawes and statutes of this realme, but also ouer moch onerous to his high-
nes and his subiectes: the sayde clergie hath moste humbly besoughte the
kynges highnes, that the sayde constitutions and canons may be commit-
ted to the examination and iugemente of his hyghnes, and of. *xxii.* per-
sons of the kynges subiectes, wherof. *xvi.* to be of the vpper & nether house
of the parlyament, of the tempoꝛaltie: and other. *xvi.* to be of the clergie of
this realme: And all the sayde. *xxii.* persons to be chosen and appoynted
by the kynges maiestie. And that suche of the said Constitutions, and ca-
nons as shalbe thought & determined by the saide. *xxii.* psons, or the moze
part of them, worthy to be abrogated & adnulled, shalbe abolite & made of
no value accordyngly. And such other of the same constitutions & canons,
as by the said. *xxii.* or the moze parte of them, shall be approued to stande
with the lawes of god, & consonant to the lawes of this realme: shal stāde
in theyr full strength and power, the kynges most royall assent fyrst had &
opteyned to the same. **B E I T** therfore nowe enacted, by auctoritie of
this present parlyament, accordyng to the said submission & petition of the
said clergie, that they ne any of them from hensforth shall presume to at-
tempte, allege, clayme, or put in bre any constitutions, or ordinaunces pro-
uinciall or Synodals, or any other canons: Nor shall enact, promulge, or
execute any suche canons, constitutions, or ordinance prouinciall, by what
so euer name or names they may be called in their conuocations in tyme
comynge, whiche alway shalbe assembled by auctoritie of the kynges writ:
Oneles the same clergie may haue the kynges most royall assent and licēce
to make, promulge, and execute such canons, constitutions, and ordinaunces
prouinciall or Synodall, vpon payne of euery one of the said clergie, do-
inge contrarie to this acte, and beinge therof conuicte, to suffer enprison-
ment, and make fine at the kynges wyll.

And for as moche as suche canons, constitutions, and ordinaunce, as
heretofore haue ben made by the clergie of this realme, can not nowe at
the sellpon of this presente parlyamente, by reason of shorvenes of tyme,
be biewed, examined, and determyned by the kynges hyghnes and. *xxii.*
persones to be chosen and appoynted, accordyng to the petition of the
sayde clergie, in fourme aboue reherfed: Be it therfore enacted by
auctoritie afoze saide, that the kynges highnes shall haue power and au-

to authorize to nominate and assigne at his pleasure the said. xxxii. persones of his subiectis, wherof. xvi. to be of the clergie, and. xvi. to be of the temporalltie, of the upper and nether house of the parliament. And if any of the said. xxxii. persons so chosen, shall happen to dye before they full determination: then his highnesse to nominate other frome tyme to tyme, of the said two houses of the parliament, to supplie the nombze of the said. xxxii. And that the same. xxxii. by his highnesse so to be named, shall haue power and auctorite to viewe, serche, and examine the said Canons, constitutions, and ordinaunce prouinciall and synodal here tofoze made: and suche of them as the kyn yes highnesse, and the sayde. xxxii. or the moze parte of them shall deme and adiudge worthy to be contynued, kepte, and obeyed, shall be from thensforthe kepte, obeyed, and executed within this realme, so that the kynges moste royall assent, vnder his great seale, be fyrste had to the same. And the residue of the said canons, constitutions, and ordinaunce prouinciall, whiche the kynges highnesse, and the sayde. xxxii. persons, or the moze parte of them, shall not approue, or deme and iudge worthy to be abolite, abrogate, and made frustrate: shall from thensforthe be voyde and of none effecte, and neuer be put in execution within this realme. **¶** Provided alway, that no canons, constitutions, or ordinaunce shall be made or put in execution within this realme, by auctorite of the Conuocation of the clergie, whiche shalbe contrary or repugnant to the kynges prerogatyue royall, or the customes, lawes, or statutes of this realme: Any thyng conteyned in this acte to the contrarie herof not withstandinge.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctorite afoze said, that from the feast of Easter, which shalbe in the yere of our lord god. M. D. XXX. II. no manner of appeales shalbe had, prouoked, or made out of this realme, or out of any the kynges dominions, to the byshop of Rome nor to the see of Rome, in any causes or maters happening to be in contention, & hauing their commensment & begynning in any of the courtis within this realme, or within any the kynges dominions, of what nature, condicion, or qualitie so euer they be of: but that all maner of appeales, of what nature or condicion so euer they be of, or what cause or matter so euer they concerne, shall be made and had by the parties greued, or hauinge cause of appele, after suche maner, forme, and condicion, as is limited for appeales to be had and prosecuted within this realme in causes of matrimony, tithes, oblations, and obventions, by a statute therof made and establisshed synthen the begynnyng of this present parliament, and accordyng to the fourme and effecte of the said estatute, any vsage, custome, prescription, or any thyng or thynges to the contrarie herof not withstandinge. And for lacke of iustice at or in any the courtis of the archebishoppes of this realme, or in any the kynges dominions: it shalbe lafull to the parties greued, to appele to the kynges maiestie, in the kynges courte of Chauncerie. And that vpon euery suche appele, a comission shalbe directed vnder the great seale to

to suche persons as shalbe named by the kinges highnes, his heires oꝛ successors, lyke as in case of appele from the Admirall courtte, to here, and diffinitively determine suche appeales, and the causes concernynge the same. Whiche commissioners so by the kinges highnes, his heires, oꝛ successors to be named oꝛ appoynted, shall haue full power and auctorite to here, and diffinitively determine euery suche appele, with the causes and all circumstances concerninge the same. And that suche iudgement and sentence, as the said commissioners shall make and decree, in and vpon any suche appele, shalbe good and effectuell, and also diffinitive: And no further appeles to be had oꝛ made from the said commissioners foꝛ the same.

¶ And if any person oꝛ persons, at any tyme after the said feast of Easter, pꝛouoke oꝛ sue any maner of appeles, of what nature oꝛ condicion so euery they be of, to the saide bishop of Rome, oꝛ to the See of Rome, oꝛ do pꝛocure oꝛ execute any maner of processe from the see of Rome, oꝛ by auctoritie therof, to the derogacion oꝛ lette of the beue execution of this acte, oꝛ contrarie to the same: that then euery suche person oꝛ persons (so doinge) their aidours, counsaillours, and abbettonrs, shall incurre and renne in to the daungers, peynes, and penalties conteyned and limited in the acte of Prouision and Premunire, made in the .xvi. yere of the kynges moste noble progenitour, kyng Richard the seconde, agaynste suche as sue to the courtte of Rome, agayne the kinges crowne and prerogative royal.

¶ Pꝛouided alwaies, that al maner of pꝛouocations and appeles here after to be had, made, oꝛ taken frome the iurisdiction of any abbottes, priours, oꝛ other heedes & gouernours of monasteries, abbeyes, priories, & oꝛther houses & places exempt, in suche cases as they were wont oꝛ mought afore the makinge of this acte, by reason of grauntes oꝛ liberties of suche places exempt, to haue oꝛ make immediatly any appele oꝛ pꝛouocation to the bishop of Rome, other wise called Pope, oꝛ to the see of Rome: that in all these cases euery persone and persons, hauninge cause of appele oꝛ pꝛouocation, shall may take and make theyꝝ appeles, and pꝛouocations immediatly to the kynges maiestie of this realme into the courtte of Chauncerie in like maner and fourme as they vsed afore to do to the see of Rome: Whiche appeles and pꝛouocations so made, shalbe diffinitively determined by auctorite of the kinges commission, in suche maner and fourme as in this acte is aboue mencioned. So that no archebishop noꝛ bishop of this realme shall entremette oꝛ meddell with any suche appeles, other wise, oꝛ in any other maner, then they mought haue done, afore the makinge of this acte: any thinge in this acte to the contrarie therof notwithstandinge.

¶ Pꝛouided also, that suche canons, constitutions, ordinances, and synodals pꝛouinciall, beinge all redy made, whiche be not contrariant noꝛ repugnant to the lawes, statutes, and customes of this realme, noꝛ to the damage oꝛ hurte of the kinges prerogative royall, shal mooue shal be vsed and executed, as they were afore the makinge of this acte, tyll suche tyme as they be viewed, serched, oꝛ other wise oꝛdered & determined by the said

xxii. personas, o de la mayor parte de ellas, acordando a la tenor, forma, y
efecto de este presente acto.

¶ An act refrayning the paiement of annates or first frutes to the bishop of Rome, & of the electing & consecrating of archbishops & bishops within this realme. ca. xx.

Vhere sithen the beginning of this present parliament for reppelle of the ex
actiō of annates & first frutes of archbishopriche & bishopriche of this
realme, w^ogfully take by the bishop of Rome otherwise called the pope, & the
see of Rome, it is ordeined & established by an act amōges other thinges, that
the paimētes of p^ranates o^r first frutis, & al maner cōtributiōs for p^r same, for
any such archbishopriche, o^r bishopriche, o^r for ant bullis to be obtēind frō p^r see
of Rome, to o^r for p^r said purpose o^r intē, shuld b^rterli cesse, & no such to be pay
ed for any archbishopriche o^r bishopriche within this realme, otherwise thā in
same act is exp^ressed. And that no maner of p^rson o^r p^rsons to be named, elected,
p^resented, o^r postulatiō to any archbishopriche o^r bishopriche within this realme,
shuld pay the said anates o^r first frutes, no^r any other maner of some o^r som
mes of money, p^renciōs, o^r annites for the same, o^r for any other like exactiō o^r
cause, bpō princ to forsaite to our soueraine lo^rde the king, his heires, & succē
sours, al maner his goodes & catals for euer, & al the tēpōral lādes & possessiōs
of the said archbishopriche o^r bishopriche, during the time p^r he o^r they, p^r shulde
offed cōtrarie to p^r said act, shuld haue, posside, & enioy the said archbishopriche
o^r bishopriche. And it was further enacted, p^r if any p^rson named o^r p^resented to
p^r see of Rome by the kinges highnes o^r his heires o^r succēssours, to be bishop
of any see o^r dioces within this realme, shuld happē to be letted delated o^r de
ferred at the see of Rome frō any such bishopriche, wherbnto he shuld be so p^rsen
ted, by meane of restraint of bulles of the saide bishop of Rome, otherwise cal
led the pope, & other thinges requisite to the same, o^r shuld be denied at the see
of Rome bpō cōueniēt sute made for any bulles requisite for any suche cause:
that then euery p^rson so p^resented mought o^r shuld be cōsecratid here in Engla^d
by p^r archbishop, in whose puince the said bishopriche shalbe: so alwaits that the
same p^rson shuld be named & p^resented by p^r king for the time being to p^r said arch
bishop. And if any p^rson being named & p^resented (as is befo^rsaid) to any archbi
shopriche of this realme, making cōueniēt sute as is afo^rsaid, shuld happē to
be letted, delated, deferred, o^r otherwise disturbed frō the said archbishopriche,
for lacke of pall, bulles, o^r other thinges to him requisite to be obtēind at the
see of Rome: that then euery such p^rson so named & p^resented to be archbishop,
mought & shuld be cōsecrated & inuested after p^rsentation made as is afo^rsaid,
by any other. ii. bishops within this realme, whom the kinges highnes, o^r any
his heires o^r succēssours, kinges of Engla^d, wold appoint & assigne for the
same, acco^rding & after like maner, as diuers archebishops and bishops haue
bene heretofore in auncient tyme by sondre the kynges moste noble p^rogeni
tours made, consecrated, and inuested within this realme. And it was further
enacted by the said act, that euery archbishop & Bishop, being named & p^resented
by the kinges highnes, his heires and succēssours kinges of Engla^d, & being
consecrated and inuested, as is afo^rsaide, shalbe installed acco^rdinglie, and
shuld be accepted, taken & reputed/used & obeyed, as an archebishop o^r bishop
of

of the dignite, see, or place, wherunto he shalbe so named presented and consecrated, & as other like prelates of that prouince see or dioces haue ben bled accepted, taken, & obeyed, which haue had & obtayned completely their bulles and other thinges requisite in that behalfe from the see of Rome, and also shulde fully and intirely haue and enioye al the spiritualities and temporalities, of the sayd archbishopriche or bishopriche in as large ample and beneficialle maner, as anye of his or thei? predecessours hadde or enioyed in the sayde archbishopriche or bishopriche, satisfieng and payng vnto the kynges hyghnes, and to his herres, and successors, al suche duties, ryghtes, and mu?sties, as before tyme hath ben accustomed to be payed for anye suche archbishopriche or bishopriche, acco?dyng to the aunciente lawes and customes of this realme, and the kynges prerogative royall, as in the sayde acte amonges other thynges is moze at large mencioned.

¶ And all be hit the sayde bishoppe of Rome other wyse called the pope, hath ben enformed & certified of the effectual cōtentes of the sayd acte, to the entent that by some gentille wayes the sayde exactions myghte haue benne redressed and reformed: yet neuertheles the sayd bishoppe of Rome, hyther to hath made none answer of his mynd therein to the kynges hyghnes, nor deuyed or required any resonable ways to and with our sayde soueraygne lord for the same. Wherfoze his mooste royall magestie, of his mooste excellent goodnes, for the welth and profite of this his realme and subiectes of the same, hath not onely put his mooste gracious and royall assente to the forsayde acte / but also hath ratified and confirmed the same, and euerye clause and article therein conteyned, as by his letters patentes vnder his greate seale enrolled in the parlyamente rolle of this presente parlyamente moze at large is conteyned.

¶ And for as moche as in the sayde acte it is not playnely and certaynely expressed, in what maner and facion archebishops and bishops shall be elected, presented, inuested, and consecrated within this realme, and in all other the kynges dominions: Be it nowe therfoze enacted by the kyng our souerain lord, by thassent of the lordis spiritual & temporal, & the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by shauertie of the same, that the sayd acte, and euery thing therein conteyned, shalbe & stonde in strengthe vertue and efferte, except onely that no person nor persons hereafter shalbe presented nominated or comended to the sayd bishop of Rome, otherwile called the pope, or to the see of Rome, to or for the dignitie or office of any archebishop or bishoppe within this realme, or in any other the kynges dominions, nor shal send nor procure there for any maner of bulles, breues, palles, or other thinges requisite for an archebishop or bishop, nor shal pay any sommes of money for annates, fyrst frutes, or otherwile for expedition of anye suche bulles, breues, or palles: but that by the auctorite of this acte, suche presentynge, nominatynge, or commendynge to the sayde bishop of Rome, or to the see of Rome, and suche bulles, breues, palles, annates, fyrst frutes, and euery other sommes of money heretofore limited, accustomed

fromed or vsed to be paide at the said see of Rome, for procurement or expedition of any suche bulles, breues, or palleis, or other thinge concerninge the same, shall utterly cease and no longer be vsed within this realme, or within any the kynges dominions, any thyng conteyned in the saide acts afore mencioned, or any vse, custome, or prescription to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

¶ And furthermoze be it ordeined & establisshed by the auctoritie afore said, that at euery auopdance of any archebischoppe or bischoppe within this realme, or in any other the kynges dominions: the kyng our soueraygne lord, his heires, and successours may graunt to the priour and conuent, or the deane and chapter of the cathedrall churches or monasteries, where the see of such archebischoppe or bischoppe shall happen to be void, a licence vnder the great seale, as of olde tyme hath ben accustomed, to procede to election of an archebischop or bischop of the see so beinge void, with a letter missiue, conteyninge the name of the persone, whiche they shall electe and chosse. By vertue of whiche licence the said dean and chapter, or priour and conuent, to whom any suche licence and lettres missiues shall be directed, shall with all speede & selecite, in due forme elect & chosse the said person named in the said lettres missiues, to the dignite & office of the archebischoppe or bischoppe, so beinge void, and none other. And if they do or differre or delay their election aboue .xii. dayes next after suche licence & lettres missiues to them deliuered, that then for euery suche defaulte the kingis highnes, his heires & successours at theyr libertie & pleasure, shall nominate & present by their letters patentes vnder their great seale/suche a pson to the said office and dignite, so beinge void, as they shall thinke able & conuenient for the same. And that euery suche nomination & presentment to be made by the kingis highnes, his heires & successours, if it be to the office & dignite of a bischop, shall be made to the archebischop and metropolitane of the prouince, where the see of the same bischoppe is void, if the see of the said archebischop be then full & not void: and if it be void, then to be made to suche archebischop or metropolitane within this realme, or in any the kingis dominions, as shall please the kinges highnes, his heires or successours. And if any suche nomination or presentment shall happen to be made for default of suche election to the dignite or office of any archebischop: then the kingis highnes his heires & successours, by his letters patentes vnder his great seale shall nominate & present such pson as they wyl dispose to haue the said office & dignite of archebischoppe being void, to one such archebischop, or .ii. such bischops, or elles to .iii. such bischoppes in this realme, or in any the kinges dominions, as shall be assigned by our said soueraine lord, his heires or successours. ¶ And be it enacted by the auctoritie afore said, that when so euer any such presentment or nomination shall be made by the kingis highnes, his heires or successours, by vertue & auctoritie of this act, & according to the tenour of the same: that then euery archebischop & bischoppe, to whose handes anye suche presentment and nomination shall be directed, shall with

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al speede & seleritie inuest & consecrate the person nominate and presented by the kinges highnes, his heires, or successours to the office and dignitie, that such person shalbe so presented vnto, & gyue and vse to hym pall and al other benedictions, ceremonies, & thinges requisite for the same, without suynge, procuryng, or obteynynge hereafter any bulles or other thinges at the see of Rome for any suche office or dignitie in anye behalfe. And if the said deane and chapter, or priour and couent, after suche licence and letters missiues to them directed within the saide. xii. dayes, do electe and chose the sayd persone mentioned in the sayde letters missiues, accor- dyng to the requeste of the kinges highnes, his heires or successours, therof to be made by the sayde letters missiues in that behalfe: than the election shal stonde good and effectuell to all intentes, and that the person so elected, after certification made of the same election, vnder the comen and couent seale of the electours to the kinges highnes, his heires, or suc- cessours, shall be reputed and taken by the name of lord electyd of the sayde dignite and office, that he shalbe electyd vnto: And then makynge suche othe & feawte only to the kinges maiestie, his heires & successours, as shall be appoynted for the same, the kynges highnes by his letters pa- tentes vnder his great seale, shall signifie the sayd election, if it be to the dignite of a byshop, to the archbyshop and metropolitane of the prouince where the see of the said byshopriche was voyde, if the see of the said arch- byshop be ful & not voyd. And if it be voyd, than to any other archbyshop within this realme, or in any other the kinges dominions, requyryng and commaundynge such archebishop, to whome any such signification shalbe made, to confirme the said election, and to inueste and consecrate the said personne so electyd to the office and dignite that he is electyd vnto, and to gyue and vse to hym all suche benedictions, ceremonies, and other thin- ges requisite for the same, without any suynge, procuryng, or obteynynge any bulles, letters, or other thinges from the see of Rome for the same in any behalfe. And if the person be electyd to the office & dignite of an arch- byshop, accor dyng to the tenour of this acte: then after such election cer- tified to the kinges highnes in forme aforesaide, the same persone so elec- tid to the office and dignite of an archbishoppe shalbe reputed and taken lord elect to the said office and dignite of archebishop, wherunto he shall be so elected: And then after he hath made suche othe and feawte onely to the kinges maiestie, his heires and successours, as shal be limited for the same, the kinges highnes, by his lettters patentis vnder his greute seale, shall signifie the said election to one archebishop and. ii. other byshops, or els to. iiii. byshops within this realme, or within any other the kinges do- minions, to be assigned by the kinges highnes, his heires or successours, requyryng and comandinge the saide archebishop and byshoppes with all speede and selerite, to confirme the saide election, and to inueste and conse- crate the said person, so elected to the office and dignitie, that he is elected vnto, and to gyue and vse to hym suche pall, benedictions, ceremonies, and

and all other thinges requisite for the same, without signye, procuringe, or obteynynge any bulles, brefes, or other thinges at the said see of Rome, or by the auctorite therof in any behalfe.

And be it further enacted by auctorite afoze said, that every person and persons beinge here after chosen, elected, nominate, presented, inuested, and consecrate to the dignitie or office of any archbishop or bishop within this realme, or within any other the kinges dominions, accordinge to the forme, tenure, and effecte of this present acte, and suynge their temporalties out of the kinges handes, his heires or successours, as hath ben accustomed, and makynge a corporall othe to the kynges hyghnes, and to none other, in forme as is afoze reherced, shal and may from hensforth be trononised or installed, as the case shal require, and shal haue and take their only restitution, out of the kinges handes, of al the possessions & profits spiritual & tēporal belōging to the said archbishopriche or bishopriche, wherunto they shalbe so elected or presented, and shal be obeyed in all manner of thynges, accordinge to the name, title, degree, and dignitie, that they shalbe so chosen or presented vnto, and do and execute in every thing and thinges, touchinge the same, as any archebishop or bishop of this realme, without offendinge of the prerogatiue royal of the crowne, and the lawes and customes of this realme, mought at any tyme here tofore do.

And be it further enacted by the auctorite afoze sayd, that if the priour and couent of any monasterie, or deane & chaptre of any catherdral churche, where the see of any archbishop or bishop is withur any the kinges dominions, after suche licence, as is afoze reherced, shalbe deliuered to them procede not to election, and signifie the same accordinge to the tenour of this acte, within the space of. xx. dayes nexte after suche licence shal come to their handes, or els if any archebishop or bishop within any the kinges dominions, after any suche election, nomination, or presentation shal be signified vnto them by the kinges letters patentes, shal refuse and do not confirme, inueste, & consecrate, with all due circumstance as is afoze said, every suche person as shalbe so elected, nominate, or presented, & to them signified, as is aboue mencioned, within. xx. dayes next after the kynges letters patentes of suche significacion, or presentation shal come to their handes: or els if any of them or any other person or persons, admitte, maynteyne, allowe, obey, do, or execute any censures, excommunications, interdictions, inhibitions, or any other proces or acte, of what nature name or qualitie so euer it be, to the contrarie or lette of due execution of this acte: that then every priour and particular person of his couent, and every deane and particular persone of the chaptre, and every archebishop or bishop, and all other persons so offendynge, and doing contrarie to this act, or any parte therof, & theyr aydoers, counsaillours, and abettours, shal conne in the daungers, paynes, & penalties of the estatute of the Provision and Premunire, made in. xxv. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the thirde, and in the. xvi. yere of kyng Richard the seconde.

An acte concerninge the exonerat[i]o[n] of the kynges sub-
iectes from exactions and impositions here to fore
payde to the see of Rome: and for haupinge
licences and dispensations within this
realme, without svinge further
for the same. Cap. xxi.



Most humbly beseechen your most royal mathe your obediente
and faithfull subiectes, the comions of this your present par-
liament, assembled by your moste grasse commaundement:
That where your subiectes of this your realme, and of other
countreis and dominions beyng under your obersance, by
many yeres past haue ben and yet be greatly decayde and impouerished by
suche intollerable exactions of greate summes of money, as haue ben clai-
med and taken, and yet continually be claymed to be taken out of this your
realme, and other your sayde countreis and dominions by the byshoppe of
Rome, called the pope, & the see of Rome, as wel in pensions, censures, peter
pence, procurations, fruites, suites for prouisions and expeditions of buls
for archbishopps, and bishopps, and for delegacies, and rescriptis
in causes of contentions and appeles, iurisdictionis legatine, and also for
dispensatiōs, licences, faculties, grauntis, relaxations, wyttes called Per-
inde valere, rehabilitations, abolitions, & other infinite soxes of buls, bre-
ues, & instrumentes of sondry natures names & kyndes in great nombres
heretofore practised and opteyned, otherwyle then by the lawes, laudable
bles, & customes of this realme shuld be permitted, the specialitees wherof
ben ouer longe, large in nombre, and tedious here particularly to be infer-
ted. wherin the byshop of Rome afore sayde, hath not ben onely to be bla-
med, for his vsurpation in the p[re]misses, but also for his abusynge and be-
gyllynge your subiectis, p[re]tendynge and perswadyng to the[m], that he
hath full power to dispence with all humayne lawes, v[er]ges, and costomes
of all realmes, in all causes, whiche be called spirituall. whiche mattier
hath bene vsurped and practised by hym and his p[re]decessours by manye
yeres, in great derogation of your imperiall crowne and auctoryte roiall,
contrarie to ryght and conscience. For where this your graces realme re-
cognysynge no superiour vnder god but onely your grace, hath ben and is
free from subiection to anye mans lawes, but onely to such as haue bene
devised, made, and ordeyned within this realme for the welth of the same,
or to suche other, as by sufferaunce of your grace and your progenitours,
the people of this your realme haue taken atte theyr free lyberte by theyr
owne consente to be v[er]sed amonges theym, and haue bounde theym selles
by longe vse & custome to the obseruance of the same, not as to the obser-
uance of s[uch] lawes of any foreyn p[ri]nce, potestate, or plate: but as to s[uch] customed
& ancient lawes of this relme, originally established, as lawes of the same,
by s[uch] said sufferance, consentis, & custome, & none other wyle. It standeth ther
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foze with natural equite and good reason, that in all & euerye suche lawes humayne, made within this realme, or induced into this realme by the said sufferance, consentes, and custome: your royal maiestie, and your lordes spirituall and temporalle, and commonis representynge the holle state of your realme, in this your most highe court of parliament, haue full power and auctozite, not onelye to dispence, but also to auctorise some electe person or persons, to dispence with those and all other humayne lawes of this your realme, and with euerye one of theym, as the qualite of the persons and matier shal require. And also the sayde lawes and euery of them, to abrogate, adnule, amplifie, or diminishe, as it shalbe sene vnto your maiestie, and the nobles and commons of your realme, present in your parliament, mete & conuenient for the welth of your realme: as by dyuers good and holsome actis of parliaments, made and establisshed, as well in your tyme, as in the tyme of your moste noble progenitours, it maye playnelye and euidently appere. And by cause that it is nowe in these dayes present, seen, that the state, dignitee, superioritee, reputation, and auctozite of the sayde imperiall crowne of this realme, by the longe sufferance of the sayd vnreasonable and vncharitable vsurpations and exactions, practised in the tymes of your mooste noble progenitours, is moche and soze decayde, and diminished, and the people of this realme therby impouerished, & so or worse be lyke to continue, if remedie be not therfore shortlye prouided.

¶ It may therfore please your moste noble maiestie, for the honour of all-mighty god, & for the tender loue, zeale, & affectio, that ye beare & alwaies haue borne to the welth of this your realme, & subiectes of the same, for as moch as your maiestie is supreme heed of the churche of Englande, as the prelates and clergie of your realme, representynge the sayde churche in theyr Synodes and conuocations haue recognised: in whome consisteth ful power and auctozite vpon all suche lawes as haue ben made and vled with in this realme: to ordeyne and enacte by the assent of your lordes spiritual & temporal, and the commons in this your present parliament assembled, & by auctozite of the same, that no person or persons of this your realme, or of any other your dominions, shall from henseforth pay any pensions, censures, portions, peterpence, or anye other impositions to the vse of the said byshoppe, or of the see of Rome, like as heretofore they haue vled, by vsurpation of the said bishop of Rome, & his predecessours, and suffrage of your highnes & your most noble pgenitours to do, but that al such pensions, ceses, portions, & peterpens, which the said bishop of Rome, otherwise called the Pope, hath heretofore taken & perceiued, or caused to be taken & prepued to his vse & his chābres, which he calleth apostolike, by vsurpation & suffrance, as is aboue saide, within this your realme, or any other your dominions, shall from henseforth clerely surcesse, and neuer moze be leuyed, taken, perceiued, nor payde to any person or persons in any maner of wise, any constitution, vse, prescription, or custome to the cōtrarie therof not withstandinge.

¶ AND be it further enacted by the auctorite afoze sayde, that neyther your highnes, your heyes, nor successours kynges of this realme, nor any your subiectes of this realme, nor of any other your dominions, shal from hencefoze sue to the sayde byshoppe of Rome, called the pope, or to the see of Rome, or to any person or persones, hauing or pretending any auctorite by the same, for licences, dispensations, impositions, faculties, grauntis, rescriptes, delegacies, or anye other instrumentes or wytynges, of what kynde, name, nature, or qualite so euer they be of, for anye cause or matter: for the whiche any licence, dispensation, composition, facultie, graunte, rescript, delegacie, instrument, or other wytyng heretofore hath ben vsed and accustomed to be had and oþteyned at the see of Rome, or by auctorite therof, or of any prelate of this realme: nor for anye maner of other licences, dispensations, compositions, faculties, grauntis, rescriptis, delegacies, or any other instrumentes or wytynges, that in causes of necessitie may lawfully be graunted without offedinge of the holy scriptures and lawes of god: But that from hencefoze euery suche licence, dispensation, composition, facultie, graunt, rescripte, delegacie, instrument, and other wytyng afoze named and mencioned, necessarie for your hyghnes, your heyes or successours, and your and theyr people and subiectes, vpon the due examinations of the causes and qualitees of the persones procuringe suche dispensations, licences, compositions, faculties, grauntis, rescriptis, delegacies, instrumentes, or other wytynges, shalbe graunted, hadde, and obteyned frome tyme to tyme within this your realme, and other your dominions, and not els where, in maner and fourme folowing and none other wyse: that is to say, the archebishop of Canturburie, for the tyme beinge, and his successours, shal haue power and auctorite from tyme to tyme, by theyr discretions, to gyue, graunte, and dispose by an instrument, vnder the seale of the sayde archebishop, vnto your maiesty, and to your heyes and successours, kynges of this realme, as well al maner suche licences, dispensations, compositions, faculties, grauntis, rescriptis, delegacies, instrumentes, and all other wytynges for causes not beyng contrarie or repugnant to the holy scriptures and lawes of god, as here to foze hath ben vsed, and accustomed to be had and obteyned by your highnes, or any your mooste noble progenytours, or any of yours or theyr subiectes, at the see of Rome: or any person or persons by auctorite of the same: & al other licences, dispensations, faculties, compositions, grauntis, rescriptes, delegacies, instrumentes, and other wytynges, in, for, and vpon all suche causes and matters, as shalbe conuenient and necessarie to be had, for the honour and suretie of your highnes, your heyes, and successours, & the welth & profite of this your realme: So that the sayde archbishop, or any his successours, in no maner wyse shal graunt any dispensation, licence, rescripte, or any other wytyng afoze reherfed, for any cause or matter repugnant to the lawe of almighty god. ¶ Be it also enacted by auctorite afoze sayde, that the said archbishop & his successours, after good

and due examination by them had, of the causes and qualities of the persons procuringe for licences, dispensations, compositions, faculties, delegacies, rescriptis, instrumentis, or other writinges, shal haue full power and auctoritie by them selfe, or by their sufficient and substantiall commissarie or deputie by their discretions from tyme to tyme, to graunte and dispose by an instrument vnder the name and seale of the said archbishop, as well to any of your subiectis, as to the subiectis of your heires and successours, all maner licences, dispensations, faculties, compositions, delegacies, rescriptis, instrumentis, or other writinges for any such cause or matter, wherof heretofore suche licences, dispensations, compositions, faculties, delegacies, rescriptis, instrumentis, or writinges, haue bene accustomed to be had at the See of Rome, or by auctorite therof, or of any prelate of this realme. And that the said archbishop and his commissarie shal not graunt any other licence, dispensation, composition, facultie, writinge, or instrument in causes vnwont and not accustomed to be had or obteyned at the Courte of Rome, nor by auctoritie therof, nor by any prelate of this realme, vntill your grace, your heires, or successours, or your or their counsaile shal fyist be aduertised therof, and determine whether suche licences, dispensations, compositions, faculties, or other writinges in suche causes vnwont and not accustomed to be dispensed withall, or obteyned, shal commonly passe as other dispensations, faculties, or other writinges shal or no: vpon payne that the graunters of euery suche licence, dispensation, or writinge, in suche causes vnwont, contrarie to this acte, shal make fine at the wyl and pleasure of your grace, your heires and successours.

And if it be thoughte and determyned by your grace, your heires or successours or your or their counsaile, that dispensations, faculties, licences, or other writinges, in anye suche cause vnwont, shal passe: then the sayde archbishoppe or his commissarie, hauynge licence of youre highnes / your heires, or successours for the same, by your or their byll assigned, shal dispence with them accoꝝdyngly.

¶ Provided always, that no maner of dispensations, licences, faculties, or other rescriptes or writinges hereafter to be graunted to any persone or persones by vertue or auctoritie of this acte by the sayde archbishoppe, or his commissarie, beinge of suche importance, that the taxe for the expedition therof at Rome, extended to the summe of foure poundes or aboue, shal in any wise be putte in execution, tyll the same licence, dispensation, facultie, rescripte, or other writinge, of what name or nature so euer it be of, be fyist confirmed by your highnes, your heires, or successours, kinges of this realme, vnder the great seale, and inrolled in your Chauncerpe in a rolle by a clerke to be appoynted for the same: And that this acte shal be sufficiente warrante to the Chauncellour of Englande, for the tyme beyng, or to hym, whome your grace, your heires or successours shal depute to be keeper of the greatte Seale, to confirme in your name / your heires, or successours the foresayde writinges, passed vnder

the saide archbysshops seale/by letters patentes in due forme therof to be made vnder your great seale, remittynge as well the sayd wytyngge, vnder the archbysshops seale, as the saide confirmation vnder the great seale, to the parties from tyme to tyme procuryng for the same. And that all suche licences, dispensations, facultees, and other rescriptes and wytinges, for the expedition of the whiche the saide taxes to be payde at Rome, was vnder. iiii. li. which be matters of no great importance, shal passe only by the archbysshops seale, & shal not of any necessity be confirmed by the great seale, onles the procurers of suche licence, facultie, or dispensation, desire to haue them so confirmed: In which case they shal pay for the sayd great seale, to the vse of your highnes, your heires, and successours. v. s. sterlings, and not aboue, ouer and besyde suche tax as shal be hereafter limited for the makynge, wytyngge, registryng, confirmynge, and inrollynge of suche licences, confirmations & wytinges, vnder the said tax of. iiii. li. And that euery suche licence, dispensation, composition, facultie, rescript, and wytinge, of what name or nature so euer it be, for suche causes as the tax was wonte to be. iiii. li. or aboue, so granted by the archbysshop, and confirmed vnder the greates seale, and all other licences, dispensations, faculties, rescriptis, and wytinges hereafter to be granted by the archbysshop by vertue and auctoritie of this acte, wherunto the great seale is not limited of necessity to be put to, by reason that the tax of them is vnder. iiii. li. shalbe accepted, approued, allowed, and admitted good & effectuell in the lawe, in all places, courtis, and iurisdictions, as well spiritual as temporal within this realme, and els where, within your dominions, and as beneficiall to the persons obteynng the same, as they shuld haue ben, if they had bene opteyned with all thynges requisite, of the See of Rome, or of any other person by auctoritie therof, without any reuocation or repeale hereafter to be had of any such licences, dispensations, faculties, rescriptes, or wytinges, of what nature so euer they be. And that al children procreated after solemnisation of any marriages to be hadde or done by vertue of suche licences or dispensations, shalbe admitted, reputed, and taken legitimate in all courtis, as wellle spirituall as tempoꝛall, & in all other places, & inherite the inheritance of their parentis & ancessours within this your realme, and al other your dominions, accordyng to the lawes and customes of the same: and al actes to be done, had, or executed accordyng to the tenour of suche licences, dispensations, faculties, wytynges, or other instrumentis to be made or graunted by auctoritie of this acte, shalbe firme, permanente, and remayne in force: any foꝛeyne lawes, constitutions, decrees, canons, decretalles, inhibitions, vse, custome, prescription, or any other thyng hadde, or hereafter to be made to the contrarie, not withstandinge.

¶ And be it further enacted, that the said archbysshop and his successours shal haue power and auctoritie to ordeyne, make/ and constitute a clerke, which shal wryte & registre euery such licence, dispensation, facultie, wytinge,
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or other instrument to be graunted by the said archebifhop, and ſhal fynde parchment, wer, and fylken laces conuenient for the ſame, and ſhal take for his peynes ſuche ſummes of money as ſhalbe here after in this preſent acte to hym limited in that behalfe for the ſame. And that like wiſe your grace, your heires & ſucceſſours, ſhal by your letters patentes, vnder your great ſeale, ordeyne depute and conſtitute one ſufficient cletke, being learned in the courſe of the Chancerie, whiche alwayes ſhalbe attendant vpon the lord Chancellor, or the lord keeper of the great ſeale, for the time beinge, and ſhal make write and enrolle the confirmations of al ſuche licences, diſpenſations, instrumentis, and other writynges, as ſhalbe thither brought vnder the archebiſhops ſeale, there to be confirmed and enrolled: And ſhal alſo intitule in his booke and enroll of recoꝛde ſuche other writynges, as thither ſhalbe brought vnder the archebiſhops ſeale not to be confirmed, taking for his peynes ſuche reaſonable ſummes of money, as here after by this acte to hym ſhalbe limited for the ſame. And that as wel the ſaide clerke appoynted by the ſayde archebiſhop, as the ſayde clerke to be appoynted by your highneſſe, your heires, or ſucceſſours, ſhall ſubſcribe theyꝛ names to every ſuche licence, diſpenſation, facultie, or other writyng, that ſhal come to theyꝛ handes to be written, made, graunted, ſealed, confirmed, regiſtred, and enrolled by auctoꝛite of this acte, in fourme as is befoꝛe reherſed.

AND for as moche as the charges of obteynninge the ſaid licences, diſpenſations, faculties, and other reſcriptes or writynges afore named, at the courte of Rome, by the loſſes and exchanges, and in conducting of curroues, and wageinge ſolicitours, to ſue for any ſuche licences, diſpenſations, faculties, instrumentis, and other reſcriptes or writynges, haue been greuous & exceſſiue to your people, & many tymes greater ſummes haue ben demanded for the ſpedy expedition in the courte of Rome, then be expꝛeſſed in the olde tate, limited to be payde for the ſayd expeditions, wher by your people hath ben brought to an incertepte vpon the payement for expeditions of ſuche thinges: and by reaſon therof haue ben conſtreyned to pay moze then they were wont to do, to the great impoueriſhing of this realme, as is afore ſaid. And ſome tymes the ſpedinge of ſuche diſpenſations, faculties, licences, and other writynges at Rome, haue ben ſo longe differred, that the parties laboringe for the ſame, haue ſuffered great incommodities and loſſe for lacke of quicke ſpede, whiche here after may be had within this your realme, to the great comoditie of your people: wherby the charges of makinge exchanges conductinge of curroues and ſolicitours for the ſayd diſpenſations, ſhalbe abated, and your people ſo moche releued and eaſed, to thintent that all ambiguite and incertepte of payementis for diſpenſations, faculties, licences, and other reſcriptes & writynges may be taken away, that no fraude or exaction ſhalbe exerciſed by your people, by ſuche officers as ſhalbe apoynted by this acte, to take peynes in ſpeding ſuche diſpenſations, faculties, and licences: but that your people

people may be sure and certayne, what they be appoynted to paye for the same: Be it enacted by this present parliament, and by the auctorite of the same, that there shalbe two boke drawn & made of one tenour: in which shalbe conteyned the taxes of al customable dispensations, faculties, licences, and other writings, wonte to be spedde at Rome, whiche boke and every lefe of those boke, and both sides of every lefe, shalbe subscribed by the archebishop of Canturburie, the lord Chancellor of Englande, the lord Tresourer of Englande, and the two chiefe Justices of both beches for the tyme beinge: to the whiche boke al suiters for dispensations, faculties, licences, & other writings afore rehersed, shal have recourse, if they require it. And one of the said boke shal remayne in the handes of hym, whiche shalbe appoynted to be register and scribe of the said dispensations, faculties & licences, vnder the said archbishop of Canturburie, in fourme as is before said: And the other boke shal remayne with the clerke of the Chauncerie, whiche by your grace, your heires, or successours shalbe appoynted, as is before rehersed. Whiche clerke of the Chauncerie shal also intitile and note particularly and dayly in his boke, ordeined for that purpose, the nombre and qualite of the dispensations, facultees, licences, and other rescriptes and writings, whiche shalbe sealed only with the seale of the said archbishop: and also whiche shalbe sealed with the said seale, and confirmed with the great seale, in fourme as is before said, that al fraude and conceilement in this behalfe may be avoyded.

¶ **A N D** be it enacted, by this present parliament, & by thaurtorite of the same, þat no mā suing for dispensations, faculties, licences, or other rescriptis or writings, which were wont to be sped at Rome, shal paye any more for theyr dispensations licences or rescriptis, the shalbe conteyned, taxed, & limited in the sayde duplicate boke of taxes: onely compositions excepted, of whiche beinge arbitrarie no tax can be made: wherfore the tax therof shalbe set and limited, by the discrecion of the said archebishop of Canturburie, and the lord Chancellor of Englande, or the lord keeper of the great seale, for the tyme beinge. And that suche as shal exacte or receyue of any suiter more for any dispensation, facultie, or licence, then shalbe conteyned in the saide boke of taxes, shal forfait ten tymes so moche, as he shal so extorcionously exacte and receyue: The one halfe of the whiche forfaiture to be to the vse of your grace, your heires, or successours, and the other halfe therof to be to suche of your subiectes as wyl sue for the same by action, byll, or playnt in any of your graces courtes, wherein the defendēt shal have none ellogen nor protection allowed, neither shalbe admitted to wage his lawe.

¶ **B E I T** also enacted by this parliament and auctorite of the same, that the tax or summe appoynted, to be payde for every suche dispensation, licence, facultee, instrument, rescripte, or other writinge to be graunted by auctorite of this acte, shalbe employed and ordered, as here after ensueth: that is to say, If the tax extende to .iij. li. or above, by reason wherof the dispen-

dispensation, licence, facultie, rescripte, or writynge, whiche shall passe by the saide archebysshoppes seale, muste be confirmed by thappenion of the greatte seale: then the sayde taxe so extendynge to. iiii. li. or about, shall be deuyded in to. iiii. partis, wherof two shall be perceyued by the saide clerke of the Chauncerie to be appoynted as is aforesayde, to the vse of your highenes, your heyrres, and successours, and to the vse of the lord Chauncellour, or the keeper of the greatte seale for the tyme beinge, and to the vse of the saide clerke, in suche wyse as hereafter shall be declared: And the thyrde parte shall be taken by the sayde clerke of the archebysshoppe, to the vse of the same archebysshoppe and his commissarie and his sayde clerke and register, in suche wyse as hereafter shall be ordered and limited by this acte: That is to saye, The sayde two partis shall be deu-
 ded in foure partis, of whiche three partis shall be taken to the onely vse of your highenes, your heyrres, and successours: and the fourthe parte shall be deuyded in three partis, wherof the Chancellour of Englande, or lord keeper of the greatte seale / for the tyme beinge, shall haue two partis, and the sayde clerke of the Chauncerie the thyrde parte for his paynes, tra-
 uayle / and labours / that he is limited to wyte and doo by vertue of this acte. And the sayde thirde parte of the hole taxe, appoynted to the sayde archbysshoppe and his officers (as is afoze sayde) shall be deuyded into three partis, wherof the archebysshoppe shall haue to his vse two partis, and his officers shall haue the thyrde part therof: of whiche thyrde parte to be deuyded in two partis, the sayde clerke or registre, whiche shall fynde parchment / waxe, and spylke, and shall deuyse and wyte the sayd dispensations, licences, faculties, rescriptis, or other writynge, & re-
 gister the same / shall haue for his sayde labour, and for receyvinge and repayenge of the summes of moneye, that shall comme to his handes for dispensations, faculties, licences, and other rescriptis aforesayde, the one moytie therof, and the commissarie of the sayde archbysshoppe, appoynted to seale the sayde dispensations / faculties, licences, and other rescrip-
 tis, shall haue the other parte. And if the taxe be vnder foure. li. and not vnder. xl. s. the said taxe shall be deuided into thre partis, as is aforesaid, wherof the kinges highnes, his heires, & successours shall haue. ii. partis wherof, abating. iii. s. iiii. d. which shall be to the said clerke of the Chauncerie for subscrybing entitelpnge and entollyng the said dispensations / licences, faculties, rescriptis, and other writynge aforesayde, and receyvinge of the kynges moneye so taxed: And the archebysshoppe and his officers shall haue the thyrde parte, whiche thyrde parte shall be deuyded into two partes, wherof the archebysshoppe shall haue the one entierely to hym selfe, his scribe and commissarie shall haue the other parte therof, egally to be deuyded amonges them for theyr costis and paynes in that behalfe. And if the taxe be vnder. forty. shyllinges, and not vnder. xxi. shyllinges eight pence, the same taxe shall be deuyded into two partis, wherof the one parte shall be to your grace, your heyrres, and successours, deductyng
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therof. ii. s. for the clerke of the chancerie, for his paynes as is aforesayd: And the other part shalbe to the sayde archebysshop and his officers, whiche other parte shalbe deuided in to ii. partis, wherof the archebysshop shall haue the one, and his commissarie and scribe shall haue the other egallye deuided amonges them. And if the tare be vnder. xxvi. s. viii. d. and not vnder. xx. s. the same shalbe deuided in two partis, wherof your grace, your heires, and successours shall haue the one parte entietlye, abatinge ii. s. therof to the sayde clerke of the chauncerye: and the archebysshop and his officers shall haue the other parte, and the same other parte shalbe deuided in to thre partis, wherof the archebysshop shall haue one, his commissarie the seconde, and his scribe or register the thyrde. And in case the tare be vnder. xx. s. the same shalbe perceyued to the vse of the sayde commissarie, clerke of the sayde archebysshop, and clerke of the chauncerie, to be egally deuided amongst them for theyr paynes and labours by them to be susteyned by auctorite of this acte, as is aforesayde.

¶ Provided alwayes that this acte shal not be prejudiciall to the archebysshoppe of yorke, or to any byshoppe or prelate of this realme: but that they may lawfully (not withstandinge this acte) dispence in al cases, in whiche they were wont to dispence by the common lawe or custome of this realme afoze the makynge of this acte.

¶ Provided also, and be it enacted by auctorite afoze sayde, that if it happen the see of the archbysshopriche of Canturburie to be voyde, that then al suche maner licences, dispensations, faculties, instrumentes, rescriptis, and other writynges, whiche may be graunted by vertue and auctorite of this acte, shall (durynge the vacation of the same See) be had, done, and graunted vnder the name and seale of the gardiane of the spiritualites of the sayde archebysshopriche for the tyme beinge, accordyng to the tenour and foyme of this acte, and shalbe of lyke force, value and effect, as if they hadde bene graunted vnder the name and seale of the archebysshoppe for the tyme beinge.

¶ And be it farther enacted, that if the foresayde archebysshop of Canturburie (for the tyme beinge, or the sayd gardian of the spiritualities (for the tyme beinge) hereafter refuse or denie to grant any lycences, dispensations, faculties, instrumentes, or other writynges, which they be auctorised to do by vertue and auctorite of this acte, in such maner and foyme as is afoze remembred to any person or persons, that ought of a good, iust, and reasonable cause to haue the same, by reason wherof this present acte by theyr wilfulnes, neglygence, or defaulte, shulde take none effecte: than the chauncellour of Englande, or the lord keper of the great seale, for the tyme beinge, vpon any complaynte therof made, shall directe the kynges writte to the sayde archebysshop or gardian, denieng or refusynge to graunt suche licences, dispensations, faculties, or other writynges, inioynynge him by the sayde writte, vpon a certayne payne therein to be limited, by the discretion of the sayde chauncellour, or keper of the great seale, that he shall in
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due forme graunte suche licence, dispensation, facultie, or other wytyngge accordynge to the request of the procurers of the same: or els signifie vnto your highnes, your heires, or successours, in the court of Chauncerie, at a certayne day, for what occasion or cause he refused & denied to graunte suche licences, faculties, or dispensations. And if it shall appere to the said Chauncellour, or lord keeper of the great seale, vpon suche certificat, that the cause of refusell or deniall of grauntynge suche licences, facultie, or dispensation was reasonable, iuste, and good: that then so beinge proued by due serche and examination of the said Chauncellour, or lord keeper of the great seale, to be admitted and allowed. And if it shall appere vpon the sayde certificat, that the sayde archebysshoppe or gardiane of the spiritualties, for the tyme beinge, of wylfulnes, in contempnyng the dewe execution of this acte, without a iuste and reasonable cause, refused or denied to graunte suche licence, facultie, or dispensation: that then your highnes, your heires, and successours, beinge therof informed, after due examination had, that suche licences, faculties, or dispensations may be graunted, without offendynge the holy scriptures, and lawes of god, shal haue power and auctoritie in euery suche case, for the defaulte, negligence, and wylfulnes of the said archebysshop, or gardian, to sende your wytte of Iniunction, vnder your great seale, out of your said court of Chauncerie, commaundynge the archebysshop or gardian, that so shal denie or refuse to grāt suche licence, facultie, or dispensation, to make sufficient graunt therof, accordynge to the tenour and effecte of this acte, by a certayne day, and vnder a certayne peyne in the said wytte to be contained, and to be limited by your highnes, your heires or successours, kinges of this realme. And if the said archebysshop or gardiane, after the receypte of the sayde wytte, refuse or denie to graunt suche licences, faculties, or dispensations, as shal be intorned hym by vertue of the sayde wytte, and shewe and proue befoze your maiestie, your heires, or successours, no iuste or reasonable cause, wher he shulde so do: then the sayde archebysshoppe or gardiane, that so shal refuse to putte this acte in execution, accordynge to the sayde wytte of Iniunction, shal suffre, lose, and forsake to your highnes, your heires, and successours, suche peyne & penaltie, as shalbe limited & expessed in the said wytte of Iniunction. And ouer that it shal be lawfull to your highnes, your heires, and successours, for euery suche defaulte and wylfulnes of the sayde archebysshoppe or gardiane, for the tyme beinge, to geue power and auctoritie by commission, vnder your great seale to suche two spirituall prelatys or persons to be named by your highnes, your heires, or successours, as wol do & grāt such licences, faculties, and dispensations, refused or denied to be granted by the said archebysshop, or gardian, in contempte of this acte.

¶ And be it ferther enacted, by auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayde two spirituall prelates or persones, to whome in suche cases, any suche commission shalbe directed, shal haue power and auctoritie to grant euery such licence,

licence, facultie, dispensation, instrument, and other wytynges so refused to be graunted by the sayde archebysshop or gardian for the tyme being, by an instrumente vnder thei scales, takynge lyke fees and charges for the same, as is before rheresed, & not aboue, vnder the peynes afoze remembred. And that euery suche licence, facultee, and dispensation so graunted for anye cases or matters, wherunto any confirmation vnder the kynges great seale is appoynted by this acte, to be had in maner and foyme aboue declared, shalbe had and obteyned accordyngely. And suche licences and confirmations shalbe had for lyke fees and charges, as they ar aboue specified, and not aboue, vnder the peynes aboue mencioned. And that euery suche lycence, facultie, dispensation, and other wyting to be graunted by the sayde prelates or persons to be assigned by the kynges highnes, his heyres, & successours, as is afozesayd, shalbe of as good value, strengthe, and effecte, and as beneficiall and profitable to the persones procuringe the same, as if they had ben made graunted and obteyned vnder the name and seale of the sayde archebysshop.

¶ Provided alwayes that this acte nor any thyng or thinges therein con- tyned, shalbe hereafter interpreted or expounded, y your grace, your nobles, & subiectes intede by the same to declyne or vary from the congregation of Christis church, in any thynges concernyng the veray articles of the Ca- tholike feythe of christendome, or in any other thynges declared by holye scripture & the word of god necessary for your & thei saluations: but only to make an ordynance by policies necessarie & conuenient to repressse vice, and for good conseruation of this realme in peace, vnite, and tranquillite, from rauine and spoyle, inslawynge moche the olde auncient customes of this realme in that behalfe: Not myndynge to seke for anye relefes, suc- cours or remedies for anye worldly thynges and humayne lawes, in anye cause of necessite, but within this realme at the handes of your highnes, your heyres, and successours kynges of this realme, whiche haue & ought to haue an imperial power and auctorite in the same, and not obliged in a- ny worldly causes to any other superiour.

¶ Provided alwaie that the sayde archebysshop of Canturburie, or anye other person or persons, shall haue no power or auctorite by reason of this acte, to visite or bere any monasteries, abbeyes, priories, colleges, hos- pitals, houses or other places religious, whiche be or were exempte before the makynge of this acte: any thyng in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandynge: but that redresse, visitation, and confirmation shalbe had by the kynges highenes, his heires, and successours, by commission vn- der the great seale to be directed to suche persones, as shall be appoynted requisite for the same, in suche monasteries, colleges, hospitals, priories, houses and places religious exempt. So that no visitation nor confirma- tion shall from hensforth be had nor made, in or at anye suche monasteries, colleges, hospitals, priories, houses and places religious exempt by the said byshoppe of Rome, nor by any of his auctorite, nor by any out of the
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kynges dominions. Nor that any person religious or other resident in any the kynges dominions, shall from henceforth departe out of the kynges dominions, to or for any visitation, congregation, or assemble for religion: but that all suche visitations, congregations, and assemblies shalbe within the kynges dominions.

¶ Provided also, that this present acte, or anye thyng therein conteyned, or any licence or dispensation hereafter to be made by vertue and auctorite therof, shall not extende to the repeale or derogation of the late acte made sith the begynnyng of this present parlyament, for reformation of pluralities of benefices, and for none residencies of spirituall persones upon their dignities or benefices, nor to anye thynges conteyned or mencioned in the sayde acte. Nor that this acte, nor any thyng to be done by auctorite therof, shall not be taken, expounded, nor interpreted, to geue licence to anye person or persons, to haue any more nōbre of benefices, then is limited in the sayde acte. And that the same acte for pluralities and none residencies of benefices, & every thyng therein conteyned shall stonde good & effectual in al intentes, accordyng to the true meaninge therof: any thinge in this presente acte, or any licence or dispensation to be had by auctorite therof in any wise not withstandyng.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that if any person or persons, subiecte or resiaunt within this realme, or within any of the kynges dominions, at any tyme hereafter sue to the courte of Rome, or the see of Rome, or to any person, claymyng to haue his auctorite by the same, for any licence, facultee, dispensacion, or other thyng or thynges contrarie to this acte, or put in execution any licence, facultee, or dispensacion, or anye other thyng or thynges hereafter to be opteyned from Rome or the see of Rome, or from any claymyng auctorite by the same, for anye of the causes aboue mencioned in this acte, or for any other causes that maye be graunted by auctorite of this acte, or attempt or do any thyng or thynges, contrarie to this acte, or maynteyne, allowe, admitte, or obey any maner of censures, excommunications, interdictions, or any other processe from Rome, of what name or nature so euer hit be, to the derogation or lette of the execution of this acte, or of any thyng or thynges to be done by reason of the sayd acte: that then everye suche person or persons so doinge, offendinge, and beinge therof conuicte, theyr aidours, counsaillours, and abettours shal incurre and runne in to the peyne, losse, and penaltie comprised & specified in the act of Provision and Premunice, made in the sixtene yere of your moste noble progenitour kinge RICHARDE the seconde, agensite suche as sue to the Courte of Rome, agensite your Crowne and dignite royall.

¶ Provided alwaye that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned shall not hereafter be taken nor expounded to the derogation or takyng awaye of any grantis or confirmacions of any liberties, priuileges, or iurisdiction of any monasteries, abbeyes, priories, or other houses, or places exempte, whiche

which heretofore the making of this acte, hath ben obteyned at the See of Rome, or by auctorite therof, but that every suche graunte and confirmation shalbe of the same value, force, and effecte, as they were afore the makinge of this acte, and as if this acte had never ben made. Provided alwayes, that the abbottis, priours, and other chiefe rulers, & governours of suche monasteries, abbeyes, priories, and other houses & places exempt, shall not hereafter paye any pension, portion, or other cease to the See of Rome, nor admit or accept any visitation nor any confirmation from or by the sayde see of Rome, or by auctoritie therof, of or for any person to be elect named or presented, to be heedes of any suche monasteries, abbeyes, priories, places, or houses exempt: nor shall make any corporal othe to the bishop of Rome, otherwisse called the pope, vpon the paynes limited in this acte: But that every suche visitation and confirmation of suche heedes electe in any suche monasteries, abbeyes, priories, houses, or places exempt, where after they election they were bounden to haue and obteyne any confirmation of they election, or of the person named, presented, or electe shalbe from henceforth had, made, and done within this realme, at & within every suche abbeyes, monasteries, priories, and other houses and places exempt by suche person and persons as shalbe appoynted by auctorite of the kynges commission from tyme to tyme, as the case shal requyre, and not by the See of Rome nor by auctorite therof, any thyng in this nexte proviso above specified to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ Provided alwayes, that in suche monasteries, abbeyes / priories / and houses exempt, where after election, presentation, or nomination of they heedes, no suche confirmation is requisite to be had, nor hath ben vsed to be taken by reason of suche priuileges as they haue concernynge the same, that in every suche monasteries, abbeyes, priories, and places exempt, they shal not be bounden to obteyne haue or take any confirmation for the same within this realme, by auctorite of this acte, but vse they priuileges therein / as they haue done before the makinge of this acte, any thyng in this acte, or any the prouisos nexte above reherfed, to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

¶ Provided also and be it enacted / that this acte or any thyng or thinges worde or wordes therein, or in the preamble therof inencioned or conteyned, is not intended or ment, nor shall be expounded nor interpret, that any dispensations, licences, or confirmations for mariages, graunted to any the kynges subiectis, bozne vnder his obeyssaunce, at any tyme before the .xii. day of Marche, in the yere of our lord god .M. D. XXXIII. shalbe appealed or of any lesse value / strengthe, force, or effecte / then they were, at the sayde .xii. day of Marche. Nor that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende to the derogation, appealing, or adnullation of any lycences, dispensations, confirmations, facultees, or indulgences at any tyme before the sayde .xii. day of Marche, in the yere of our lord god .M. D. XXXIII. had or obteyned at the see of Rome, or by auctoritie therof,

therof to oꝛ foꝛ any subiectis hoꝛne in this realme, oꝛ in anye the kynges dominions, oꝛ to oꝛ foꝛ the hospitall of the priour of saynt Iohns Jerusalem in Englaunde, oꝛ any comāndes oꝛ membes therof, oꝛ to oꝛ foꝛ any other cathedrall churches, hospitals, monasteries, abbeyes, priories, colleges, conuentuall churches, parochiall churches, chapelles, fraternities, brotherhoodes, oꝛ bodyes polytike within this realme, oꝛ in any other the kynges dominions: but that euery suche licence, dispensation, confirmation, facultie, and indulgence, graunted befoꝛe the said. xii. daye of Marche to any suche subiecte, oꝛ to the sayd hospitall of the priour of sayncte Iohns Jerusalem in Englande, and comāndes oꝛ membes therof, oꝛ to any other cathedrall churche, hospitall, monasterie, abbey, priorie, college, church conuentuall, parochiall churche, chapell, fraternitie, brotherhood, oꝛ bodye polytike, oꝛ to theyꝛ predecessours, oꝛ auncetours within this realme, oꝛ in any other the kynges dominions, shall be of the same force, strength, value, and effecte, and may be from tyme to tyme putte in execution at all tymes hereafter by and to them that wyl vse and haue the same, as they mought haue ben afoꝛe the makynge of this act, and as if this act had neuer ben had ne made, any thyng in the said act to the contrarie hereof not withstandynge.

Wherbynd alwayes, that suche licences, dispensations, confirmations, oꝛ faculties heretofore obteyned at the See of Rome, oꝛ by auctoritie therof, contrarye to the expresse pꝛouisions of the lawes and statutes of this realme heretofore made, shall not at any tyme hereafter be vsed oꝛ putte in execution in any case, to the derogation oꝛ contrarye to the sayde lawes and statutes of this realme, and the pꝛouisions of the same: Any thyng in this Wꝛouiso to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

And be it enacted by auctoritie of this presente parlyamente, that the kyng our soueraygne lord, by the aduise of his honourable counsaile shall haue power and auctoritie from tyme to tyme, foꝛ the oꝛderynge, redresse, and reformation of al maner of Indulgences and priuileges therof within this realme, oꝛ within anye the kynges dominions heretofore obteyned at the see of Rome, oꝛ by auctoritie therof, and of the abuses of su-

che indulgences and priuileges therof, as shal seme good, holsome, and reasonable foꝛ the honour of god and weale of his people:

And that suche oꝛder and redresse, as shall be taken by his hyghnes in that behalfe, shalbe obserued and tymely

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An Acte declaringe the establisshement of the succession of the kynges moste royal maiestie in the imperall crowne of this realme. Cap. xxi.



In theyr moste humble wyse shewen vnto your maiestie, your most humble and obedient subiectes, the lordes spiritual and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, that syns it is the naturall inclination of every man, gladly and wyllyngly to prouyde for the suretie of both his tittle & succession, all though it touche his onely priuate cause. We therfore moste ryghtfull and dreadfull souerayne lord, reken our selves moche more bounden to beseeche and instant your hyghnes, all though we doubt not of your princely harte and wysedome, myxed with a naturall affectyō to the same, to foresee and prouyde for the perfyte surety of bothe you and of your moste laufull succession and heyres, vppon whiche dependeth all our ioye and welthe: in whome also is vnited and knytte the onely mere trewe inheritance and tittle of this realme, without any contradyccyon. Wherfore we your sayde moste humble and obedient subiectes, in this present parliament assembled, callinge to our remembraunce the great diuisions, which in tymes paste haue ben in this realme by reason of seuerall tytles pretended to the imperiall crowne of the same/ which somtymes, and for the most parte ensued by occasyon of ambyguite and doubtes, then not so perfectly declared, but that men myght vpon frowarde intentes expounde theym to every mannes sinistre appetite & affection, after theyr sence, contrarie to the ryght legalite of the succession and posterite of the laufull kyngis and emperours of this realme: wherof hath insued great effusion & destruccyon of mans bloud, as well of a great nombze of the nobles as of other the subiectes, & specially inheritours in the same. And the greatest occasion therof hath ben bycause no perfecte and substanciall prouision by lawe hath ben made within this realme of it selfe, when doubtes and questions haue ben moued and proponed of the certeyntie and legalitie of the succession and posterite of the crowne. By reason wherof the bishop of Rome & see apostolicke, contrarie to the great and inuolable grauntes of iurisdiction gyuen by god immediatly to emperours, kynges, & princes in succession to theyr heyres, hath presumed in tymes past to inuest, who shulde please theym to inheryte in other mennes kyngdomes and dominions: whiche thyng we your moste humble subiectis, bothe spirituall and temporall, do moste abhorre & deteste. And somtymes other forayne princis & potētatis of sondry degrees, myndyng rather dissension & discorde to cōtinue in the realme, to the vtter desolation therof, then charite, equite, or vnite, haue many tymes supported wrong titles, wherby they might & more easily & facilly aspire to & superioryte of & same. The cōtinuāce & sufferāce wherof depely cōsidered

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and pondered, were to daungerous and peryllous to be suffered anye lenger within this realme, and to moche contrarie to the vnitie, peace, and tranquillite of the same, beinge greatly reprocheable and dishonorable to the holle realme.

IN CONSIDERATION wherof your said most humble and obedient subiectis, the nobles and commons of this realme, callinge further to their remembraunce, that the good vnitie, peace, and welthe of this realme, and the succession of the subiectis of the same mooste specially and principallye aboute all worldely thynges, consisteth and resteth in the certaintie and suretie of the procreation, and posteritie of your hyghnes, in whose mooste royall persone at this present tyme is no maner of doubt nor question, do therfore mooste humbly beseeche your hyghnes, that it maye please your maiestie, that it may be enacted by your hyghnes, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that the mariage heretofore solemnised betwene your hyghnes and the lady Catharine, beinge before lawfull wyfe to prince Arture, your elder brother, whiche by him was carnally knowen, as bothe duely appere by sufficient proue in a lawfull processe had and made before Thomas, by the sufferance of god, nowe archebysshop of Canturbury and Metropolitane and primate of all this realme, shall be by auctoritie of this present parliament, diffinitively, clerely, and absolutely declared, deimed, and adiudged to be agaynste the lawes of almyghty god, and also accepted, reputed, and taken of no valuer effecte: but utterly voyde and adnichiled: and the separation therof made, by the sayd archebysshoppe shall be good and effectuell to all intents and purposes: any licence, dispensation, or any other acte or actes goinge afoze, or insuinge the same, or to the contrarie therof, in any wise not withstandinge. And that everye suche licence, dispensation, acte or actes, thinge or thinges, heretofore had, made, done or to be done to the contrarie therof shall be voyde and of none effecte. And that the sayde lady Catharine shall be from henceforth called and reputed onely dowager to prince Arture, and not quene of this realme. And that the lawfull matrimonie had & solemnised betwene your hyghnes / and your mooste dere and entirely beloved wyfe quene Anne, shall be establisshed, and taken for vndoubtfull, trewe, sincere, and perfect ever hereafter, accorpyng to the iuste iudgement of the said Thomas archebysshop of Canturbury, Metropolitane and primate of all this realme, whose groundes of iudgement haue ben confirmed as well by the holle clergie of this realme, in bothe the conuocations, and by bothe the vniuersities therof, as by the vniuersities of Bonony, Padua, Paris, Orleans, Colouse, Angiewe, and dyuers others: And also by the priuate wrytynges of many righte excellent well lerned menne. Whiche groundes so confirmed, and iudgement of the sayde archebysshoppe ensurpge the same, to gether with your mariage solemnised, betwene your hyghnesse, and your sayd lawfull wyfe Quene Anne / We your sayd sub-

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lectes bothe spiritualle and tempoꝛalle, doo purely, playnely, constantly, and hymely accepte, approue, and ratifie foꝛ good and consonoant to the lawes of almyghty god, without errour oꝛ defeaute: Whoske humbly beseechynge your maiestie, that it may be so establisshed foreuer by your moste gracious and rofall assent.

And furthermoze syns many inconueniences haue fallen as well within this realme as in others, by reason of maryenge within the degrees of mariage pꝛohybite by goddes lawes, that is to say, The sonne to marye the mother, oꝛ the stepmother: The brother the syster: The father, his sonnes daughter, oꝛ his daughters daughter: oꝛ the son to marye the daughter of his father, pꝛocreate and borne by his stepmother: oꝛ the sonne to marye his aunte, beyng his fathers oꝛ mothers syster: oꝛ to marye his vncles wyfe: oꝛ the father to marye his sonnes wyfe, oꝛ the brother to marye his brothers wyfe, oꝛ any man to marye his wifes daughter, oꝛ his wifes sonnes daughter, oꝛ his wifes daughters daughter, oꝛ his wifes syster. whiche maryages albeit they be playnely pꝛohybite and detested by the lawes of god, yet neuertheles at some tymes they haue proceeded vnder colours of dispensations by mans power, whiche is but vsurped, and of ryght ought not to be graunted, admytted, ne allowed. foꝛ no man, of what estate, degree, oꝛ condiction so euer he be, hathe power to dispence with goodes lawes, as all the clergie of this realme in the sayd Conuocations, and the most parte of all the famous vniuersities of Christendome, and we also do affirme and thynke.

Be it therfoze enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that no persone oꝛ persones, subiectes oꝛ reſeantes of this realme, oꝛ in any pour dominions, of what estate, degree, oꝛ dignitie so euer they be, shall from hensforth marye within the sayd degrees afoze reherſed, what pꝛetence so euer shalbe made to the contrarie therof. And in case any person oꝛ persons, of what estate, dignitie, degree, oꝛ condition so euer they be, hath ben here tofoze married within this realme, oꝛ in any the kynges dominions, within any the degrees aboue expꝛessed, and by anye the archebyschoppes, bpschoppes, oꝛ ministers of the church of Englande, be separate from the boundes of suche vnlawfull maryage, that then euery such separation shall be good, lawfull, hymne, and permanent foꝛ euer: And not by any power, auctoritie, oꝛ meanes to be reuoked oꝛ vndoone hereafter: And that the chylderne pꝛocedyng and pꝛocreate vnder suche vnlawfull maryage, shall not be lawfull ne legittimate: any foꝛeyne lawes, lycences / dispensations, oꝛ other thyng oꝛ thynges to the contrarie thereof not withstandynge.

And in case there be any person oꝛ persons within this realme, oꝛ in any the kynges dominions, alredy maryed within any the sayd degrees aboue specified, & not yet separat from the boundes of such vnlawful mariage: that the euery such pson so vnlawfully married shalbe separate by the diffinitive sentence and iudgementes of the archbyschops, bpschoppes, & other mini-

sters of the church of Englande, and in other your dominions within the limittes of their iurisdiccions and auctorities, and by none other power or auctoritie. And that all sentences and iudgements, gyuen and to be gyuen by any archebyschoppe, byshop, or other minister of the church of Englande, or in other the kynges dominions, within the limittes of their iurisdiccions and auctoritie, shalbe diffinitive, firme, good, and effectual to all intentes, and be obserued and obeyed without supunge any prouocations appeles, prohibitions, or other procelle frome the courte of Rome, to the derogation therof, or contrarie to the act made spys the begynnynge of this present parlyament for restraynte of suche prouocations, appeles, prohibitions, and other procelles.

AND also be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that all the issue hadde and procreate, or hereafter to be had and procreate betwene your highnes, and your saide most dere and entirely beloued wyfe Quene Anne, shal be your lawfull chyldren, and be inheritable and inherite accordynge to the course of inheritance and lawes of this realme, the imperial crowne of the same, with all dignities, honours, preheminences, prerogatiues, auctorities, and iurisdiccions to the same annexed or belongynge in as large and ample maner, as your highnes at this present tyme hath the same, as kyng of this realme, the inheritance therof to be & remain to your sayd chyldren & right heires, in maner and forme as hereafter shalbe declared. That is to say, fyrst the sayd imperiall crowne, & other the premisses, shalbe to your maiestie, & to your heires of your body lausfully begotten, that is to saye, to the fyrst sonne of your body betwene your highnes, and your sayde lausfull wyfe, Quene Anne, begotten, and to the heires of the bodye of the same fyrste sonne lausfully begotten. And for default of suche heires, then to the seconde sonne of your body, and of the body of the saide Quene Anne begotten, and to the heires of the body of the saide seconde sonne lausfully begotten. And so to every sonne of your bodye, and of the bodye of the saide Quene Anne begotten, and to the heires of the body of every suche sonne begotten, accordynge to the course of inheritance in that behalfe. And if it shall happen your said dere and entirely beloued wyfe Quene Anne to deceasse without issue male of the body of your highnes to be gotten (whiche god defende) then the same imperiall crowne, and all other the premisses to be to your maiestie, as is aforesaid, and to the sonne and heire male of your body lausfully begotten, & to the heires of the body of the same sonne & heire male lausfully begotten. And for default of such issue, then to your seconde sonne of your body lausfully begotten, & to the heires of the body of the same second sonne lausfully begotten: And so from sonne and heire male, to sonne and heire male, and to the heires of the seuerall bodyes of every such sonne and heire male to be gotten, accordynge to the course of inheritance, in like maner and forme as is aboue sayde. And for default of suche sonnes of your body begotten, and of the heires of the seuerall bodyes of every such sonnes lausfully begotten, that then the sayde imperiall crowne, and other
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the premisses, shall be to the issue female betwene your maiestie and your saide moste dere and entirely beloued wyfe quene Anne begotten. That is to saie, first to the eldest issue female, whiche is the lady Elisabeth nowe princes, and to the heires of her body lausfully begotten: And for defaulte of suche issue, then to the seconde issue female, and to the heires of her body lausfully begotten: And so from issue female to issue female, and to their heires of their bodies one after an other, by course of inheritaunce, accordyng to their ages, as the crowne of Englande hath ben accustomed and ought to go in cases when there be heires females to the same. And for defaulte of suche issue: then the sayde imperiall crowne, and all other the premisses, shalbe in the right heires of your highnes for ever.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie foresayde, that on this syde the fyrste day of Maye nexte comynge, proclamations shall be made in all shires within this realme of the tenour and contentis of this acte. And if any persone or persons, of what estate, dignitie, or condicion so euer they be, subiecte or releaunt within this realme, or elles where, within any the kynges dominions, after the sayd fyrste daye of Maye, by writinge or imprintinge, or by any exterior acte or dede, maliciously procure or doo, or cause to be procured or done any thing or thinges to the peryll of your most royall person, or maliciously geue occasion by writinge, print, dede or acte, whereby your highnes myght be distourbled or interrupted of the crowne of this realme: or by writinge, print, dede, or acte, procure or do, or cause to be procured or done any thyng or thinges to the prejudice, sleaundler, distourbance, or derogation of the sayde lausfull matrimonie solempnised betwene your maiestie and the sayd quene Anne: or to the peryll, sleaundler, or disherison of any the issues and heires of your highnes, beinge limited by this acte to inherite and to be inheritable to the crowne of this realme, in suche forme as is aforesayde: whereby any suche issues or heires of your highnes myght be destroyed, disturbed, or interrupted in body or title of inheritance to the Crowne of this realme, as to them is limited in this acte, in forme abouetherelied: that then euerye suche persone and persones, of what estate, degree, or condicion they be of, subiecte or releaunt within this realme, and theyr aydours, counsaylours, maynteynours, & abbettours, and euery of them, for euerye suche offence shall be adiudged high traitours, and euerye suche offence shalbe adiudged high treason, and the offendours and theyr aydours, counsaylours, maynteynours, and abbettours, and euerye of them, beinge lausfully conuicted of suche offence by presentement, verdict, confession, or processe, accordyng to the customes and lawes of this realme, shall suffre paynes of dethe, as in cases of hygh treason. And that also euerye suche offendour/beinge conuicted, as is aforesayde, shal lose and forsaite to your highnes, and to your heires kynges of this realme, all suche manours, lordes, tenementis, rentis, annuities, and hereditamentis, whiche they had in possession, as owners, or were sole leased of, by or in any right, title or meanes, or any other persone or persones had to theyr
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use, of any estate of inheritaunce, at the daye of suche treasons and offences by them committed and done. And shall also lose and forsaite to your highnes, and to your sayd heyres, as well all maner suche estates of freehold and interestis, for yeres of landes and rentes, as all theyr goodes, catalles, and debtis, whiche they had at the tyme of couiction or attayndre of any suche offence. Sauynge alwayes to euery person and persons, and bodys polypitike to theyr heyres, assignes, and successours, & euery of them, other then suche persons as shalbe so couicte, and theyr heyres and successours, & all other claymyng to theyr uses, all such ryght, tytyle, vse, interest, possession, condicyon, rentes, fees, offyces, annuitees, and comunes, whiche they or any of them shal happen to haue, in, to, or vpon any such manours, londes, tenementes, rentes, annuitees, or hereditametes, that shal so happen to be losse and forsaite by reason of attayndre, for any the treasons and offences aboue rehersed, at any tyme before the sayd treasons and offences committed.

¶ AND be it further enacted by auctoryte afoze sayd, that yf any persone or persons, after the sayd fyfthe daye of May, by any wordes without wytyng, or any exteryour dede or acte maliciously and obstinarily publyshe, diuulge, or vtter any thyng or thynges to the peryll of your highnes, or to the sklander or prejudice of the sayd matrimony, solempnised bytwene your highnes and the sayd quene Anne: or to the sklander or dysherison of the issue and heyres of your body begotten, and to be gotten of the sayde quene Anne, or any other your laufull heyres, whiche shalbe inheritable to the crowne of this realme, as is afoze limytted by this acte: that then euery suche offence shal be taken and adiudged for mesprysyon of treason. And that euery person & persons, of what estate, degree, or condycyon so euer they be, subiecte or releant within this realme, or in any the kynges dominions, so doyng and offendyng, and beyng therof laufully couicte by presentement, verdict, processe, or confessyon, shall suffre imprisonment of theyr bodys at the kynges wyll, and shal lose as well all theyr goodes, catalles, and debtis, as all suche interestes and estates of free holde, or for yeres, whiche any suche offendour shal haue of or in any londes, rentes, or hereditamentes, what so euer at the tyme of couiction and attayndre of suche offence.

¶ AND be it also enacted by auctoryte afoze sayde, that no persone nor persons offendyng in any the treasons or mesprysions conteyned and limytted by this acte, shall in any wyse haue or inioye the priuilege or immunity of any maner of sanctuaries within this realme, or els where within any the kynges dominions, but shall vtterly lose and be excluded of the same: any vse, custome, graunt, prescripcion, confirmation, or any other thyng or thynges, to the contrarye therof in any wyse not withstanding. And be it also enacted by auctoryte afoze sayde, that yf your maiestie shulde happen to dyscelle before any suche your issue and heyre male, whiche shulde inheryte the crowne of this realme, shall be of hys age of

xviii. yerres, or before such your issue & heire female, which shuld inherit the crowne of this realme, shalbe married, or be of the age of. xvi. yerres (which almyghty god defend) that the your sayd issue & heire male to the crowne, so beinge within the sayde age of. xviii. yerres, or your sayd issue and heyre female to the crowne, beinge unmarried, or within the sayd age of. xvi. yerres: shalbe & remayn vnto suche tyme as suche issues and heyres shall come to theyr sayde seuerall ages afore lymitted, at and in the gouernance of theyr natural mother, the lyuynge, with suche others counsayllours of your realme as your maiestie in your life tyme shall depute and assigne by your wyll, or other wise for the same, without contradiction of any person or persones to the contrarie therof.

And if any person or persones by wytyngge or exterioure dede or acte, procure or doo, or cause to be procured or done any thyngge or thynges to the let or disturbance of the same: that then euery suche offence shalbe hygh treason, and the offendours, beinge therof conuicte, shal suffre suche pynes of dethe, and losses of inheritance, freholdes, interestes for yerres, goodes, cattalles, and debtes in suche manner and fourme as is aboue specified in cases of treason afore mencioned.

¶ AND for the more sure establisshment of the succession of your most royal maiestie, accoordinge to the tenour and fourme of this acte: Be it further enacted by auctorite afore sayde, that as well al the nobles of your realme spirituall and tempozal, as all other your subiectes now lyuynge & beinge, or that hereafter shalbe at theyr full ages, by the commaundement of your maiestie, or of your heyres, at al tymes hereafter from time to time, when it shall please your highnes, or your heyres to appoynt, shall make a corporall othe in the presence of your highnes or your heyres: or before suche other, as your maiestie or your heyres wyll depute for the same, that they shall truely, firmly, and constantly without fraude or gyle obserue, fulfill, maynteyne, defende and kepe, to theyr cunnynge, witte, and better moooste of theyr powers, the hole effectes and contentes, of this presente acte. And that all maner your subiectes, as welles spirituall as tempozal suing liueray, restitutions, or oter le mayn out of the handes of your highnes, or of your heyres, or doinge any fealtie to your hyghenes or to your heyres, by reason of tenure of theyr landes, shal sweare a lyke corporall othe, that they and euery of theym, without fraude or gyle, to theyr cunnynge, witte, and better moooste of theyr powers, shall truely, firmly, and constantly obserue, fulfill, maynteyne, defende, and kepe the effectis & contentes conteyned and specified in this act, or in any parte therof. And that they nor any of them shall herafter haue any liuerayes, oter le mayne, or restitution out of your handes, nor out of the handes of your heyres, tylle they haue made the sayde corporall othe, in fourme aboue reherfed. And if any person or persones, beinge commaunded by auctorite of this acte, to make the sayd othe afore lymitted, obstinately refuse that to do in contempt of this acte: that then euery suche person (so doinge) to be taken and accepted for offendour in mesprisyon of hygh treason, And that euery suche refu-
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fall shalbe demed and adiudged melspition of hyghe treason: and the offen
dour therein to suffre suche paynes and imprisonment, losses and forfaytu-
res, and also lose priuileges of saintuaries, in lyke maner & forme as is
aboue mencioned for the melspitions of tresons afoze limited by this acte.
Provided alwayes, that the article in this acte conteyned concerninge
prohibitions of mariages within the degrees afoze mencioned in this act,
shall alwayes be taken, interpreted, and expounded of suche mariages,
where mariages were solemnised, and carnall knowlege was had.

GOD SAVE THE
KINGE.



